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# FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

*Mass*  
COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

## FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1891. —

*Nov. 30, 1940*

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency WM. E. RUSSELL,  
*Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund herewith submit their First Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 1891.

It was the latter part of November before the first claim was paid, since the first meetings were devoted to organization, the formulation of rules and regulations, together with the preparation of the requisite application blanks. In these and other matters, valuable service was rendered by Commissioner Allen of Pittsfield, whose lengthy experience in the life insurance business proved of special utility at this time. The arrangements perfected at the outset have proved very satisfactory, and the methods adopted have reduced to a minimum the possibility of a fraudulent claim being granted. Most of the Board were thoroughly familiar with the duties of firemen, which enabled them to more readily comprehend such statements as were from time to time laid before them. No criterion existing by which even an approximate estimate could be made as to the amount to be drawn from the fund, the sums agreed upon for the benefits were, if anything, placed at a smaller figure than would have been preferred by a majority of the commissioners. While the disability relief, granted at the rate of \$1.50 per day, seems fair, the death benefit, aggregating but \$400, and the allowance of \$1.50 per week for children under fifteen years of age, appear hardly commensurate.

The law, in its specification of beneficiaries, is extremely broad; and not only covers all members of organized fire departments, but goes so far as to include any person doing

fire duty at the request of the authorities of a town having no organized fire department, — a fact that should be thoroughly understood and appreciated. Thus it will be seen that a year of extensive conflagrations, attended by a large number of fatalities, might completely exhaust the fund, rather than leave a gratifying financial exhibit, like that presented at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

The good accomplished thus far would seem to be a valid argument for the appropriation being made an annual one. At present, in order to guarantee an allotment, it is necessary to appear before legislative committees at each session, and reiterate truths that have unquestionably satisfied previous committees. With the constantly changing personnel of the Senate and the House, and the advent of new members having no special knowledge of the importance of the work, the failure of representative firemen to appear year by year, at a sacrifice of both time and money, would naturally hazard a perpetuity of the fund.

The act of 1891 is substantially the same as that of 1890, under which this Board originated, with the exception of the number of commissioners being reduced to five, and an allowance of \$500 being set apart for actual expenses of disbursement.

The work of this commission has been largely a labor of love, though the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association insisted upon defraying the travelling expenses of its members. To Treasurer Williamson of this association, as custodian of the fund, and to Secretary Burt for valuable aid, acknowledgments are due. Thanks are also extended to Sergeant-at-Arms Adams, and the attaches of his department, for courtesies extended.

Appended is a tabulated statement of money expended, together with other data pertaining to the manner of distribution, etc.

For the Board,

J. C. CROMBIE,

*Secretary.*

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1891.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor to present herewith a report of my receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated June 28, 1890, and administered in conformity therewith.

## RECEIPTS.

Nov. 17, 1890, received of Hon. George A. Marden, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, \$10,000, for the benefit of the firemen of the State of Massachusetts (chapter 450, under act of June 28, 1890), . . . \$10,000 00

## EXPENDITURES

2,903 days' injury benefit, at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .	\$4,354 50
3 death benefits, at \$300, . . . . .	900 00
4 funeral benefits, at \$100, . . . . .	400 00
115 weeks and three days' benefit, for minor children, at \$1 50 per week, . . . . .	173 15
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	\$5,827 65
Balance in favor of Commonwealth, . . . . .	4,172 35
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	\$10,000 00

HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON,

*Treasurer Massachusetts State Firemen's Association.*

## 1890.

Nov. 26.	Paid Mrs. Annie M. Tarbox, Lynn, —	
	Death benefit, . . . . .	\$300 00
	Funeral benefit, . . . . .	100 00
	Paid Mrs. Annie M. Tarbox, guardian for Harry B. Tarbox, 17 weeks' benefit, . . . . .	25 50
Dec. 3.	Paid Mrs. Sarah T. Phillips, Malden, —	
	Death benefit, . . . . .	300 00
	Funeral benefit, . . . . .	100 00
	Paid Mrs. Sarah T. Phillips, guardian for Henry Revere Phillips, 14 weeks' benefit, . . . . .	21 00
Dec. 9.	Paid Phebe R. Spooner, New Bedford, . . . . .	50 00
	Herbert M. Spooner, New Bedford, . . . . .	50 00
	Permelia C. Spooner, New Bedford, . . . . .	200 00
	Death benefit of Edward C. Spooner, —	
	Paid Chas. S. Paisler, New Bedford, for funeral expenses of Edward C. Spooner, . . . . .	100 00
	Paid Frederic Wallace, Lawrence, . . . . .	72 00

1891.

Jan.	5.	Paid Mrs. Sarah T. Phillips, guardian, Malden, .	\$27 00
		Mrs. Annie M. Tarbox, guardian, Lynn, .	7 50
Jan.	12.	Samuel Kingston, Malden, . . . .	180 00
		William F. Kelly, Westvale, . . . .	37 50
		Richard F. Barnett, Provincetown, . . . .	21 00
		William G. Wesson, Westfield, . . . .	52 50
		Dennis Welch, Westfield, . . . .	42 00
		John W. Emerson, Lowell, . . . .	105 00
		George H. Kendall, Fitchburg, . . . .	10 50
		Ernest L. Stewart, Haverhill, . . . .	79 50
		William H. Maxfield, New Bedford, . . . .	17 25
		John F. Boothby, Boston, . . . .	33 00
		James J. Burke, Worcester, . . . .	13 50
		James A. Haley, Boston, . . . .	85 50
		Paul Power, Worcester, . . . .	51 00
		Thomas Gilchrist, Worcester, . . . .	21 00
		Patrick J. Follen, Somerville, . . . .	16 50
Feb.	2.	Mrs. Annie M. Tarbox, guardian, Lynn, .	6 00
Feb.	10.	D. L. Brownell, Taunton, . . . .	55 50
		John R. H. Buntin, West Gardner, . . . .	178 50
		Matthew M. Lawlor, West Gardner, . . . .	105 00
		Michael A. Perr, Lexington, . . . .	36 00
		George P. Woodbury, Salem, . . . .	21 00
		W. E. Stetson, Holyoke, . . . .	21 00
		John H. Moreland, Peabody, . . . .	21 00
		Edward W. Abbott, Salem, . . . .	16 50
		Ernest P. Morris, Haverhill, . . . .	18 00
		George A. Langley, Haverhill, . . . .	15 00
		Thomas J. Woods, Worcester, . . . .	21 00
		Gardiner Lord of Athol, chairman of select-	
		men, for funeral of Alexander McLeod, .	160 00
Jan.	18.	Mrs. Sarah T. Phillips, guardian, Malden, .	15 86
March	11.	Walter A. Caldwell, Beverly, . . . .	27 00
		Charles P. Smith, Boston, . . . .	78 00
		Cornelius J. O'Brien, Boston, . . . .	10 50
		James H. Thorburn, Boston, . . . .	6 00
		William H. Cobb, Boston, . . . .	63 00
		Willis L. Gould, Woburn, . . . .	24 00
		Isaac H. Bullard, Waltham, . . . .	13 50
		Daniel A. Glenn, Waltham, . . . .	27 00
		Alfred C. Porter, Athol, . . . .	81 00
		Luther C. Perry, Athol, . . . .	63 00
		Mrs. Annie M. Tarbox, guardian, Lynn, .	7 50
		Henry G. Robbins, Peabody, . . . .	52 50
		George D. Parker, Haverhill, . . . .	75 00
April	6.	George W. Mowe, Lynn, . . . .	31 50
		John Reilly, No. Adams, . . . .	10 50
		J. J. Higgins, Springfield, . . . .	21 00



1891.

April 6.	Paid	Chas. S. Barringer, Springfield, . . . .	\$21 00
		John McInnes, Boston, . . . .	54 00
		Jacob Sneden, Salem, . . . .	31 50
		G. E. Fifield, Haverhill, . . . .	12 00
		Curtis C. Dearborn, Lawrence, . . . .	18 00
		Julian A. Sweet, New Bedford, . . . .	21 00
		Albert C. Lynn, Boston, . . . .	32 25
		Mrs. Sarah T. Phillips, guardian, Malden, .	19 50
		Mrs. Annie M. Tarbox, guardian, Lynn, .	7 50
May 11.		William H. Connor, Orange, . . . .	135 00
		William W. Braman, New Bedford, . . . .	15 00
		James W. Anderson, Springfield, . . . .	24 00
		George F. Saunders, Newton, . . . .	42 00
		John F. Brown, Lynn, . . . .	70 50
		Amos Holbrook, Lynn, . . . .	168 00
		George W. Mowe, Lynn, . . . .	31 50
		Mrs. Annie M. Tarbox, guardian, Lynn, .	6 00
June 3.		Leonard P. Strong, Springfield, . . . .	45 00
		Ephraim Baptiste, Waltham, . . . .	10 50
		H. L. Ainsworth, Springfield, . . . .	48 00
		Richard A. Bradley, Boston, . . . .	31 50
		Martin H. Ryan, Boston, . . . .	18 00
		George W. Tuck, Gloucester, . . . .	25 50
		Seth H. W. Williams, Lynn, . . . .	126 00
		Thomas L. Hunter, Cambridge, . . . .	12 00
		Charles H. Long, Boston, . . . .	22 50
		John F. Boothby, Boston, . . . .	54 00
		William N. Jewett, New Bedford, . . . .	22 50
		Pliny B. Sherman, New Bedford, . . . .	27 00
		Clarfaus Vasant, New Bedford, . . . .	31 50
		C. E. Divoll, Worcester, . . . .	10 50
June 30.		Mrs. Sarah T. Phillips, guardian, Malden, .	18 43
		Mrs. Annie M. Tarbox, guardian, Lynn, .	11 36
		Thomas F. Boland, Boston, . . . .	21 00
		Harry G. Winsor, Brockton, . . . .	31 50
		J. J. McCarthy, Boston, . . . .	21 00
		Chas. A. Floyd, Boston, . . . .	43 50
		Daniel R. Sullivan, Fall River, . . . .	12 00
		Henry M. Paull, Haverhill, . . . .	15 00
		William H. Martin, Lynn, . . . .	42 00
		John F. Holpin, Haverhill, . . . .	22 50
		Richard O'Hern, No. Adams, . . . .	142 50
		Charles H. Gerry, So. Gardner, . . . .	42 00
		George F. Griffin, Boston, . . . .	22 50
		George G. Craft, Jr., Boston, . . . .	90 00
		Daniel M. Shaughnessy, Boston, . . . .	54 00
		Charles C. Willett, Boston, . . . .	106 50
		Thomas J. Garvin, Watertown, . . . .	63 00

1891.

June 30.	Paid William H. Hughes, Boston,	.	.	.	\$16 05
	William J. Killion, Boston,	.	.	.	85 50
	D. T. Callahan, Boston,	.	.	.	18 00
	Horace F. Buxton, Brookline,	.	.	.	12 00
	William T. Cheswell, Boston,	.	.	.	108 00
	Edward D. Haselton, Haverhill,	.	.	.	10 50
	Havard L. Sargent, Haverhill,	.	.	.	30 00
	W. C. Bennett, Haverhill,	.	.	.	25 50
	James Leckie, Fitchburg,	.	.	.	42 00
	George P. Findley, Fitchburg,	.	.	.	10 50
	W. H. Halstead, Lowell,	.	.	.	61 50
	Owen Tully, Boston,	.	.	.	12 00
	John H. Fuller, Boston,	.	.	.	31 50
	John E. Cassidy, Boston,	.	.	.	19 50
	Robert J. Mitchell, Boston,	.	.	.	52 50

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Oct. 8, 1890.

The following rules have been adopted this day to govern the meetings of the Board and the disbursement of the fund.

W. H. DUPREE, *Chairman.*

J. C. CROMBIE, *Secretary.*

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ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the "Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund."

SECT. 2. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month, at 1 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. The officers of this Board shall consist of a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall hold their respective offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected

SECT. 2. The officers shall be elected by this Board, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SECT. 3. At all meetings of the Board, a majority shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of such quorum shall determine all questions.

SECT. 4. All orders on the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association must be signed by the chairman and secretary.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. All firemen, or others eligible to the benefits of this fund who may become injured in the line of fire duty, shall be entitled to benefits from this fund as follows: at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents for each day while unable to attend to their ordinary business by reason of such injury; such benefit arising from any particular injury, shall not continue longer than one hundred and fifty days from the date of such injury; but the Board may extend such benefit, if they deem it advisable, and if the amount of the fund at that time will permit it.

SECT. 2. In case of death from injury received while in the performance of fire duty, the Board shall pay to the widow or children of the deceased, three hundred dollars; and one hundred dollars for funeral expenses; and to each child under fifteen years of age, of such deceased fireman, one dollar and fifty cents per week in monthly payments. In case the deceased leaves neither wife nor children, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars shall be paid for funeral expenses.

SECT. 3 All particulars regarding each case where a benefit is required, shall be certified, on blank form, in triplicate, by the chief or acting chief of each fire department, and commanding officer of company; or if from Boston, a majority of the fire commissioners, and commanding officer of company; and in case of protective departments, by the commanding officer of the department; or if there is no organized fire department, by a majority of the selectmen; in all cases the physician who attended the injured applicant must make an affidavit.

SECT. 4. Applications for relief or benefits shall be made to the secretary of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, in compliance with forms to be furnished by him for that purpose, and they shall be made within ten days after receiving the injury; but said time for making such applications may be extended by the Board, for good cause shown.

SECT. 5. If the applicant in any case fails to obtain the signature or certificate of any person or officer necessary to enable him to conform to the requirements of the prescribed forms, he shall make a written application for relief to the commissioners, who are empowered to make any order that in their opinion justice may require.

SECT. 6. All applications to be made in triplicate; one copy to be retained by the Board, and one copy each by the secretary and treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association.

## BOARD OF 1890-91.

WM. H. DUPREE,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Chairman.</i>
JAS. C. CROMBIE,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Secretary.</i>

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WM. H. DUPREE,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	BOSTON.
JAS. C. CROMBIE,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	LAWRENCE.
C. S. PAISLER,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	NEW BEDFORD.
J. J. MCCARTHY,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	CHARLESTOWN.

*Appointed by the Governor.*

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THEODORE L. ALLEN,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	PITTSFIELD.
E. S. HOSMER,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	LOWELL.
C. M. MILLS,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WORCESTER.

*Elected by State Firemen's Association.*

## BOARD OF 1891-92.

JAS. C. CROMBIE,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Chairman.</i>
C. S. PAISLER,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Secretary.</i>

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*Elected by State Firemen's Association.*

[CHAP. 450, ACTS OF 1890.]

AN ACT IN FAVOR OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION.*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Before the first day of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety there shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of ten thousand dollars. Said sum shall be paid from the moneys received for taxes from fire insurance companies doing business in the Commonwealth.

SECT. 2. The money so paid to said treasurer shall be known and remain as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured while responding to, working at or returning from an alarm of fire, and for the relief of the widows and children of such firemen as may be killed in the line of their duty aforesaid, in such manner and in such sums as a board to consist of seven persons, three of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association and four of whom shall be appointed by the governor, shall determine; the appointees of the governor not to be members of said association.

SECT. 3. The treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall give a bond with good and sufficient sureties to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, in double the sum received by him from said treasurer of the Commonwealth, for the faithful performance of his duties under this act; and shall make a detailed report under oath to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, of expenditures of the appropriation made under this act, on or before the fifteenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

SECT. 4. The officers and members in active service of all incorporated protective departments acting in concert with fire departments, and any person doing fire duty at the request or upon the order of the authorities of any town having no organized fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be eligible for benefits from this fund.



SECT. 5. All unexpended moneys received under this act by the said Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall be returned to the treasurer of the Commonwealth on or before the fifteenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

SECT. 6. No part of this ten thousand dollars shall be expended for salaries or any expenses whatever except as this act provides.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved June 28, 1890.*]

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[CHAP. 274, ACTS OF 1891.]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

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SECT. 4. The officers and members in active service of all incorporated protective departments acting in concert with fire

departments, also any person doing duty at the request or upon the order of the authorities of any town having no organized fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be eligible for benefits from this fund.

SECT. 5. All unexpended moneys received under this act by the said Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall be returned to the treasurer of the Commonwealth on or before the fifteenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

SECT. 6. Five hundred dollars of the amount hereby appropriated may be allowed for incidental expenses of the board herein provided for, but otherwise no part of said ten thousand dollars shall be expended for salaries or any expenses except as provided in this act.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 1, 1891.*]







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## COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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J. C. CROMBIE, *Chairman.*

C. S. PAISLER, *Secretary.*

[Appointed by the Governor.]

J. C. CROMBIE, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	LAWRENCE.
C. S. PAISLER, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	NEW BEDFORD.
C. H. PLUMMER, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	BOSTON.

[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]

E. S. HOSMER, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	LOWELL.
FRED A. CHENEY, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	HAVERHILL.

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## TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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H. R. WILLIAMSON, . . . . . WORCESTER.



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency ROGER WOLCOTT, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund herewith submits its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899.

The Board, as now constituted, consists of five members, three of whom are appointed by the Governor and two are annually elected by the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association. The personnel has remained unchanged since the second year of its existence, and it is worthy of comment that upon all subjects of importance there has seldom been lack of unanimity in its decisions.

The past year has witnessed a somewhat abnormal condition of affairs, and for the first time in the history of the Board the fund has not proved sufficiently large to satisfy all merited demands upon it. Heretofore, at the close of each fiscal year there has been a balance in the treasury, to be returned to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth; this year, the claims have been so many that the full amount of the fund (\$10,000) has been expended, and further claims, to the amount of \$786, have been granted, to be paid from the new appropriation for the year 1899-1900. In addition, two claims remain unadjusted. With the appropriation for the new year encumbered with a debt of \$786 from approved claims of the old year, it is quite possible that the close of the present year will see a financial condition similar to that existing June 30, 1899, viz., claims for injuries demanding compensation to an amount in excess of the fund at the disposal of the commissioners.

The number of fires occurring throughout the Commonwealth is increasing yearly, and this of necessity brings an increase of fire duty and increased risk to accident and fatal injuries, and in the same sense all these bring additional demands upon the fund.

The commission was first instituted under the statute July 1, 1890. Had there been a proviso at the outset for retaining the unexpended balance, under proper safeguards, until a reserve fund of \$10,000 had been reached, doubtless the exigencies of many years would have been provided for without additional legislative appropriation. Existing circumstances, however, would seem to demand such legislative action as would prevent an overdraft in the future.

In the conduct of its business the Board has endeavored to pursue the utmost economy. At times, however, claims have been presented of such a character that personal investigation has been deemed judicious. In such cases the commissioner residing nearest the locality of the claim has usually been designated to visit the place and examine the witnesses conversant with the case.

Early in the season a fire occurred in the town of Hanover, where there is no organized fire department, and fire duty was performed under the direction of the selectmen. In order to avoid the payment of any illegal claims and not to establish an unwarranted precedent, the chairman and Commissioner Plummer visited Hanover and thoroughly investigated the various cases. They were met by the selectmen and prominent citizens, who established without doubt the validity of claims aggregating \$778.50. One claim, involving somewhat peculiar points, remains unadjusted.

The Board has allowed 3,359 days injury benefits to "call" men, 1,926 days injury benefits to "permanent" men, 1,104 weeks 5 days benefits to minor children of firemen killed while in discharge of fire duty. There has also been allowed, for 11 funeral benefits, the sum of \$1,100.

Appended is a tabulated statement, showing amounts allowed during the year for accidents and fatalities in various cities and towns of the Commonwealth, with the causes of the same; also a record of the total disbursements each year from 1890 to June 30, 1899.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board,

J. C. CROMBIE,  
*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS.

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YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1899.

Claims considered, . . . . .	241
Claims allowed, . . . . .	224
Claims rejected, . . . . .	16
Claims laid over for further investigation, . . . . .	1

### DISTRIBUTION TO CITIES AND TOWNS.

Attleborough, . . . . .	\$27 00	Medway, . . . . .	\$100 00
Baldwinville, . . . . .	72 00	Millbury, . . . . .	9 00
Boston, . . . . .	1,514 50	Natick, . . . . .	24 00
Brockton, . . . . .	33 00	New Bedford, . . . . .	42 00
Cambridge, . . . . .	619 50	Newburyport, . . . . .	147 00
Chelsea, . . . . .	39 00	Norwood, . . . . .	130 50
Chicopee, . . . . .	207 00	Northborough, . . . . .	27 00
Clinton, . . . . .	15 00	Peabody, . . . . .	273 00
Danvers, . . . . .	159 00	Pittsfield, . . . . .	63 00
Everett, . . . . .	127 50	Provincetown, . . . . .	31 50
Fall River, . . . . .	224 00	Quincy, . . . . .	52 50
Fitchburg, . . . . .	48 00	Reading, . . . . .	93 00
Framingham, . . . . .	16 50	Revere, . . . . .	171 00
Gardner, . . . . .	63 00	Rockland, . . . . .	195 00
Gloucester, . . . . .	106 50	Salem, . . . . .	73 50
Greenfield, . . . . .	30 00	Somerville, . . . . .	49 50
Hanover, . . . . .	778 50	Sharon, . . . . .	63 00
Haverhill, . . . . .	237 00	Southbridge, . . . . .	18 00
Holyoke, . . . . .	225 50	Springfield, . . . . .	277 00
Hudson, . . . . .	10 50	Turner's Falls, . . . . .	18 00
Lawrence, . . . . .	23 50	Ware, . . . . .	22 50
Leominster, . . . . .	27 50	Waltham, . . . . .	246 50
Lowell, . . . . .	243 50	Watertown, . . . . .	15 00
Lynn, . . . . .	53 00	Wakefield, . . . . .	28 50
Malden, . . . . .	187 50	Westborough, . . . . .	18 00
Mansfield, . . . . .	100 00	Westfield, . . . . .	105 00
Marlborough, . . . . .	203 00	Worcester, . . . . .	239 00
Medford, . . . . .	78 00	Woburn, . . . . .	135 00

## CAUSES OF INJURY.

Burns, . . . . .	10
Building falling, caused by explosion, . . . . .	13
Broken leg, . . . . .	1
Breaking of hose pipe, . . . . .	1
Cut by glass, . . . . .	22
Collapsing of floor, . . . . .	3
Caught between door and ladder truck, . . . . .	2
Collision with engineer's team, . . . . .	1
Collision with chemical engine and steamer, . . . . .	1
Cut in eye, . . . . .	1
Cut foot with axe, . . . . .	1
Falling from ladder, . . . . .	10
Falling down stairs, . . . . .	9
Falling on sidewalk, . . . . .	7
Falling from roof of building, . . . . .	6
Falling over line of hose, . . . . .	2
Falling slate, . . . . .	2
Falling of scaffold, . . . . .	2
Falling walls, . . . . .	1
Falling timber, . . . . .	1
Falling door, . . . . .	1
Falling from horse, . . . . .	1
Falling through window, . . . . .	1
Falling in ash pit, . . . . .	1
Falling on car track, . . . . .	1
Falling of brick kiln, . . . . .	1
Falling from street car, . . . . .	1
Falling across limb of tree, . . . . .	1
Frozen fingers, . . . . .	1
Hot air explosion, . . . . .	12
Hose wagon run over foot, . . . . .	2
Hit by piece of wood, . . . . .	1
Hose coupling dropping on foot, . . . . .	1
Iron in ladder injured foot, . . . . .	1
Jumping from fence, . . . . .	2
Kick by horse, . . . . .	3
Nail in foot, . . . . .	3
Nail ripped hand open, . . . . .	1
Overcome by smoke, . . . . .	1
Pulling hose from wagon, . . . . .	1
Run over by engine, . . . . .	1
Run into hydrant, . . . . .	1
Sprained back, . . . . .	8
Sprained knee, . . . . .	6
Sprained foot, . . . . .	1
Sprained hand, . . . . .	1
Struck by falling roof, . . . . .	1

Struck by falling ceiling, . . . . .	2
Sunstroke, . . . . .	1
Sliding down pole in engine house, . . . . .	3
Shock from live wire, . . . . .	1
Thrown from hose wagon, . . . . .	10
Thrown from engine, . . . . .	5
Thrown from ladder truck, . . . . .	3
Thrown from chief's wagon, . . . . .	2
Thrown from wagon, . . . . .	2
Thrown from carriage, . . . . .	1
Transom bolt pulled out, . . . . .	1
Toe crushed, . . . . .	1
Wounded in leg by hay fork, . . . . .	1

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

Building falling, result of explosion, . . . . .	3
Falling from building, . . . . .	1
Falling from ladder, . . . . .	1
Over-exertion, . . . . .	1
Run over by ladder truck, . . . . .	2
Run over by engine, . . . . .	1
Thrown from engine, . . . . .	1
Wall of building falling, . . . . .	1

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JUNE 30, 1899.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
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1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,993 62	1 38*

\* Claims to the amount of \$786 have been granted, to be paid from appropriation for next fiscal year.



## LEGISLATION.

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[CHAPTER 177, ACTS OF 1892.]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR  
THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Before the first day of July in each year there shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of ten thousand dollars. Said sum shall be paid from the moneys received for taxes from fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. The money so paid to said treasurer shall be known and remain as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured while responding to, working at or returning from an alarm of fire, and for the relief of the widows and children of such firemen as may be killed in the line of their duty aforesaid, in such manner and in such sums as a board, to consist of five persons, two of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association and three of whom shall be appointed by the governor, shall determine ; the appointees of the governor shall not be members of said association.

SECTION 3. The treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall give a bond with good and sufficient sureties to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, in double the sum received by him from said treasurer, for the faithful performance of his duties under this act ; and shall make a detailed report under oath to the treasurer of the Commonwealth of expenditures of the appropriation made under this act, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

SECTION 4. The officers and members in active service of all incorporated protective departments acting in concert with fire departments, also any person doing fire duty at the request, or upon the order of the authorities of any town having no organized



fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be eligible for benefits from this fund.

SECTION 5. All unexpended moneys received under this act by the said Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall be returned to the treasurer of the Commonwealth on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

SECTION 6. Five hundred dollars out of the amount hereby appropriated may be allowed for incidental expenses of the disbursing board, but otherwise no part of said ten thousand dollars shall be expended for salaries or any expenses except as provided in this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 19, 1892.*]

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[CHAPTER 375, ACTS OF 1894.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOND OF THE TREASURER OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter one hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line, the words "double the sum received by him from said treasurer", and inserting in place thereof the words:—the sum of ten thousand dollars,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 3.* The treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall give a bond with good and sufficient sureties to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties under this act; and shall make a detailed report under oath to the treasurer of the Commonwealth of expenditures of the appropriation made under this act, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 12, 1894.*]



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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency W. MURRAY CRANE, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund herewith submits its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, the same being the tenth annual report since its establishment.

This year the number of injury claims has been somewhat less than last year, and but 2 funeral benefits have been allowed, in place of 11 the previous year. The number of minor children under fifteen years of age receiving an allowance of \$2 per week has somewhat increased. But for the fact that claims aggregating \$786 remained unadjusted at the beginning of the year, the appropriation would have sufficed to meet all demands. With this sum and the claims granted this year to be paid out of the \$10,000 allowed we have a deficit of \$773.50, a condition which was predicted in last year's report. This deficit, however, has been met by the State Firemen's Association, thus allowing us to begin the year 1900-1901 without any outstanding liabilities.

Section 4 of chapter 177, legislative acts of 1892, reads: "Any person doing fire duty at the request or upon the order of the authorities of any town having no organized fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be eligible for benefits from this fund." During January, 1899, for the first time in the transactions of this Board the section above quoted became operative. On Nov. 11, 1898, the town of Hanover suffered from a serious fire. This town has no fire department, and citizens worked in subduing the flames under orders of the

selectmen. During the fire an explosion occurred in which two persons were killed and eleven others were seriously injured. The various claims were sent to this Board and were referred to a special committee of two members. That committee visited Hanover and held a full and exhaustive investigation. Subsequently the sum of \$1,048.50 was allowed for deaths and injuries. In the payment of these claims there was no alternative but to follow the statute law. Had the town possessed an active fire department, it is hardly probable that such serious results would have ensued, entailing so large an expense to the Commonwealth. The neglect of any town to make systematic provision for its own fire protection is deserving of severe censure. It does not seem fully consistent with the principles of equity and justice that citizens of a town who, for parsimonious reasons, constantly refuse to provide suitable equipment in case of fire, should be eligible to the same compensation from this fund as their more progressive neighbors, who at large expense provide for themselves the necessary fire protection. Evidently either by law towns should be compelled to maintain an active fire department, or, in cases similar to Hanover, be obliged to compensate citizens for injuries sustained while working at a fire under orders given by their town officials.

Massachusetts, while taking the lead in establishing a fund for the benefit of her firemen, is not now alone in this beneficent provision. Of the other New England States, Connecticut has for some years made an annual appropriation of \$8,000, and New Hampshire last year granted \$2,000 for the same purpose. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and many of the other States, while not appropriating definite sums, have statutes compelling foreign insurance companies to pay a certain per cent. on premiums received annually. In no State, however, has the disbursement been so systematized as in our own. The methods adopted by this Board, compelling the applicant to submit a sworn statement, while the claim must also be substantiated by a reputable physician, together with the chief engineer of the department and the captain of his company, leave little opportunity for deception. As an additional safeguard in cases not absolutely clear, the commissioner residing nearest the locality of the claim is often designated to visit the place and examine the witnesses conversant therewith.

Appended is a tabulated statement, showing amounts allowed during the year for accidents and fatalities in various cities and towns of the Commonwealth, with the causes of the same ; also a record of the total disbursements each year from 1890 to June 30, 1900.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board,

J. C. CROMBIE,  
*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS.

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1900.

Claims considered,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	202
Claims allowed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	188
Claims rejected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen : —

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.
Athol, . . . . .	2	\$61 50
Amesbury, . . . . .	1	9 00
Boston, . . . . .	60	2,212 00
Brockton, . . . . .	1	47 00
Beverly, . . . . .	1	22 50
Clinton, . . . . .	3	78 00
Cambridge, . . . . .	9	201 50
Chelsea, . . . . .	2	34 50
Everett, . . . . .	3	51 00
Fall River, . . . . .	3	104 00
Fitchburg, . . . . .	2	30 00
Foxborough, . . . . .	5	110 50
Gloucester, . . . . .	1	43 50
Hanover, . . . . .	2	270 00
Haverhill, . . . . .	9	257 00
Holbrook, . . . . .	1	45 00
Holyoke, . . . . .	4	67 50
Ipswich, . . . . .	2	10 50
Lawrence, . . . . .	2	84 00
Lowell, . . . . .	10	276 00
Lynn, . . . . .	8	264 00

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.
Malden, . . . . .	5	\$172 00
Marlborough, . . . . .	2	54 00
Medford, . . . . .	1	21 00
Melrose, . . . . .	1	31 50
Methuen, . . . . .	1	24 00
Milford, . . . . .	1	90 00
Natick, . . . . .	3	85 50
New Bedford, . . . . .	3	24 00
Newburyport, . . . . .	5	150 00
Newton, . . . . .	1	21 00
Northampton, . . . . .	2	87 00
Provincetown, . . . . .	1	39 00
Quincy, . . . . .	3	67 00
Reading, . . . . .	1	36 00
Revere, . . . . .	1	84 00
Rockland, . . . . .	2	27 00
Salem, . . . . .	6	530 00
Springfield, . . . . .	6	225 00
Taunton, . . . . .	1	21 00
Wakefield, . . . . .	1	27 00
Watertown, . . . . .	1	36 00
Waltham, . . . . .	3	70 00
West Springfield, . . . . .	1	22 50
Woburn, . . . . .	3	73 50
Worcester, . . . . .	12	365 00
Williamstown, . . . . .	1	15 00
Whitman, . . . . .	1	9 00
Winchester, . . . . .	1	45 00

## CAUSES OF INJURY.

Burns, . . . . .	15
Broken ankle, . . . . .	1
Broken collar bone, . . . . .	1
Broken foot, . . . . .	1
Broken hand, . . . . .	1
Broken hip, . . . . .	1
Broken leg, . . . . .	3
Breaking of ladder, . . . . .	4

Cut with axe, . . . . .	4
Cut by glass, . . . . .	19
Cut with plaster hook, . . . . .	2
Cut with piece of tin, . . . . .	1
Engine overturned, . . . . .	1
Falling of a building, . . . . .	1
Falling from a building, . . . . .	1
Falling from street car, . . . . .	1
Falling chimney, . . . . .	1
Falling from fire-escape, . . . . .	1
Falling on floor, . . . . .	1
Falling through hole in floor, . . . . .	1
Falling on hydrant, . . . . .	1
Falling into open hatchway, . . . . .	1
Falling from ladder, . . . . .	6
Falling from pile of lumber, . . . . .	2
Falling down stairs, . . . . .	4
Falling slate, . . . . .	2
Falling on stone step, . . . . .	1
Falling through hole in street, . . . . .	1
Falling timber, . . . . .	2
Falling walls, . . . . .	2
Falling on sidewalk, . . . . .	5
Falling on step of hose wagon, . . . . .	1
Falling of a window, . . . . .	1
Finger nail torn from finger, . . . . .	1
Fractured leg, . . . . .	1
Gasolene explosion, . . . . .	1
Hot air explosion, . . . . .	3
Hook on hanging harness caught in mouth, . . . . .	1
Hose pull from coupling, . . . . .	2
Hose wagon overturned, . . . . .	3
Hose pipe, . . . . .	1
Jump from pilot house, . . . . .	1
Kick by horse, . . . . .	1
Ladder slip, . . . . .	2
Ladder spike in foot, . . . . .	1
Nail in foot, . . . . .	3
Pole of ladder truck drop, . . . . .	1
Run over by engine, . . . . .	1
Run over by hose wagon, . . . . .	4
Run over by ladder truck, . . . . .	2
Run over by wagon, . . . . .	1
Sprained ankle, . . . . .	9
Sprained arm, . . . . .	1
Sprained back, . . . . .	8
Sprained finger, . . . . .	1
Sprained foot, . . . . .	2
Sprained hand, . . . . .	2

Sprained knee, . . . . .	7
Sprained testicle, . . . . .	1
Sprained wrist, . . . . .	1
Struck by hose coupling, . . . . .	1
Struck by engine stream, . . . . .	1
Struck knee against stone post, . . . . .	1
Sliding down pole in engine house, . . . . .	4
Sliding down ladder, . . . . .	1
Thrown from bicycles, . . . . .	2
Thrown from engine, . . . . .	8
Thrown from hose wagon, . . . . .	6
Thrown from ladder truck, . . . . .	6
Thrown from wagon, . . . . .	3

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

Wall of building falling, . . . . .	2
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LIST OF CHILDREN UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE ENTITLED TO BENEFIT FROM THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND, MASSACHUSETTS,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1900.

NAME.	City or Town.	Born.	Time expires.	Period of Time.	Amount.
George J. Gottwald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	June 1, 1891, . . . . .	June 1, 1906, . . . . .	Weeks. 55	\$110 00
Grace E. Gottwald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Aug. 8, 1892, . . . . .	Aug. 8, 1907, . . . . .	55	110 00
William Gottwald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	April 27, 1895, . . . . .	April 27, 1910, . . . . .	55	110 00
Frederick Gottwald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Aug. 12, 1897, . . . . .	Aug. 12, 1912, . . . . .	55	110 00
Katherin V. McCarthy, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Feb. 17, 1887, . . . . .	Feb. 17, 1902, . . . . .	16	32 00
Josephine McCarthy, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	July 26, 1891, . . . . .	July 26, 1906, . . . . .	16	32 00
Julia V. McCarthy, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	May 25, 1896, . . . . .	May 25, 1911, . . . . .	16	32 00
Justin J. McCarthy, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Jan. 25, 1899, . . . . .	Jan. 25, 1914, . . . . .	16	32 00
Catherine C. Victory, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	March 28, 1887, . . . . .	March 28, 1902, . . . . .	55	110 00
Elizabeth M. Victory, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Sept. 20, 1889, . . . . .	Sept. 20, 1904, . . . . .	55	110 00
Gertrude L. Victory, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Aug. 12, 1894, . . . . .	Aug. 12, 1909, . . . . .	55	110 00
Wm. H. McDonald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	April 16, 1896, . . . . .	April 16, 1911, . . . . .	55	110 00
Mary F. McDonald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Feb. 10, 1898, . . . . .	Feb. 10, 1913, . . . . .	55	110 00
Alice M. Collins, * . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	March 27, 1885, . . . . .	March 27, 1900, . . . . .	42	84 00
Phela E. Blackwell, . . . . .	Fall River, . . . . .	Dec. 18, 1887, . . . . .	Dec. 18, 1902, . . . . .	55	\$110 00
					\$1,202 00
					\$110 00



Edgar H. Josselyn, .	.	.	.	.	Foxborough, .	.	Sept. 27, 1888,	Sept. 27, 1903,	4	\$8 00	
George M. Josselyn,	.	.	.	.	Foxborough, .	.	Jan. 3, 1893,	Jan. 3 1908,	4	8 00	16 00
Alfred G. Tolman, .	.	.	.	.	Hanover, .	.	Oct. 29, 1891,	Oct. 29, 1906,	55	\$110 00	
Helen J. Tolman, .	.	.	.	.	Hanover, .	.	Nov. 23, 1893,	Nov. 23, 1908,	55	110 00	220 00
Barbara L. MacMonagle,	.	.	.	.	Haverhill, .	.	July 5, 1893,	July 5, 1908,	55	\$110 00	110 00
Bertha E. Donlan,*	.	.	.	.	Lynn, .	.	Dec. 12, 1884,	Dec. 12, 1899,	26	\$52 00	
Adelaid C. Donlan, .	.	.	.	.	Lynn, .	.	Aug. 22, 1891,	Aug. 22, 1906,	55	110 00	
Ide M. Moody, .	.	.	.	.	Lynn, .	.	Nov. 18, 1890,	Nov. 18, 1905,	55	110 00	
James J. Murray, .	.	.	.	.	Lynn, .	.	Jan. 26, 1895,	Jan. 26, 1910,	55	110 00	
Mattie C. Skinner, .	.	.	.	.	Lynn, .	.	June 11, 1894,	June 11, 1909,	55	110 00	
Harry B. Tarbox, .	.	.	.	.	Lynn, .	.	Jan. 15, 1888,	Jan. 15, 1903,	55	110 00	602 00
Helen J. Adams, .	.	.	.	.	Rockland, .	.	Dec. 13, 1886,	Dec. 13, 1901,	55	\$110 00	
Opal C. Adams, .	.	.	.	.	Rockland, .	.	May 9, 1889,	May 9, 1904,	55	110 00	220 00
Alice A. Dowd, .	.	.	.	.	West Medway, .	.	Jan. 29, 1886,	Jan. 29, 1901,	55	\$110 00	110 00
Fred E. Brigham, .	.	.	.	.	Worcester, .	.	Dec. 3, 1887,	Dec. 3, 1902,	55	\$110 00	
Ruth H. Brigham, .	.	.	.	.	Worcester, .	.	July 24, 1893,	July 24, 1908,	55	110 00	220 00
										1,405	\$2,810 00

\* Time expired.

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1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
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1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38*
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87†

\* Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to 1900.

† Claims to the amount of \$773.50 have been paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1900.

To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I have the honor to present this my tenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith.

RECEIPTS.

1899.		
July 19.	Received of Hon. Edward P. Shaw, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 177, under the act of April 19, 1892), . . . . .	\$10,000 00
1900.		
May 10.	Received from Chas. S. Paisler, secretary, amount of over-paid claim of John F. Mooney of Boston,	11 00
	Total, . . . . .	<u>\$10,011 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Credit.

Paid 2,309 days' injury benefits to call men, at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .	\$3,463 50	
3,050 days' injury benefits to permanent men, at \$1 per day, . . . . .	3,050 00	
2 funeral benefits, at \$100 each, . . . . .	200 00	
1,405 weeks' benefits for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .	2,810 00	
expense account, . . . . .	484 63	
	<u>\$10,008 13</u>	
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .	2 87	
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$10,011 00</u>	

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,  
Treasurer.

## RULES OF THE BOARD.

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The following rules have been adopted to govern the meetings of the Board and the disbursement of the fund.

J. C. CROMBIE, *Chairman.*

C. S. PAISLER, *Secretary.*

### ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the "Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund."

SECTION 2. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at the State House, on the first Wednesday of each month, at 1.30 o'clock P.M.

### ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Board shall consist of a chairman and secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

SECTION 2. The officers shall be elected by this Board, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SECTION 3. At all meetings of the Board a majority shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of such quorum shall determine all questions.

SECTION 4. All orders on the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association must be signed by the chairman and secretary of this Board.

### ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. *Call Men.* — All firemen known as "call men," or others eligible to the benefits of this fund, as provided for in chapter 177, legislative acts of 1892, who may become injured in the line of fire duty, shall be entitled to benefits from this fund as follows: at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents for each day while unable to attend to their ordinary business by reason of such injury. Such benefits, arising from any particular injury, shall not continue longer than one hundred days from the date of such injury; but the Board may extend such benefits, if they deem it advisable, and if the amount of the fund at that time will permit it.

*Permanent Men.* — All firemen known as “permanent men,” injured in the line of fire duty, and receiving their regular pay from the city or town during their disability, shall be entitled to benefits from this fund at the rate of one dollar for each day of actual disability, for a period not exceeding one hundred days from date of injury, — except “permanent men” who may become injured in the line of fire duty, and whose compensation or salary received from the city or town is deducted during the term of their disability; such “permanent men” shall be entitled to benefits at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per day, the same as provided for “call men” in this section.

SECTION 2. In case of death from injury received while in the performance of fire duty, the Board shall pay to the widow or children of the deceased one hundred dollars for funeral expenses; and to each child, under fifteen years of age, of such deceased fireman, two dollars per week in monthly payments. In case the deceased leaves neither wife nor children, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars shall be paid for funeral expenses.

SECTION 3. All particulars regarding each case where a benefit is required shall be certified and recommended on blank form by the chief or acting chief of each fire department and commanding officer of company; and in case of protective departments by the commanding officer of the department; or, if there is no organized fire department, by a majority of the selectmen. In all cases the physician who attended the injured applicant must make an affidavit.

SECTION 4. Applications for relief or benefits shall be made to the secretary of the Massachusetts State Firemen’s Association, in compliance with forms to be furnished by him for that purpose, and they shall be made within thirty days after receiving the injury; but said time for making such applications may be extended by the Board, for good cause shown.

SECTION 5. If the applicant in any case fails to obtain the signature or certificate of any person or officer necessary to enable him to conform to the requirements of the prescribed forms, he shall make a written application for relief to the commissioners, who are empowered to make any order that in their opinion justice may require.

SECTION 6. All applications for relief or benefits, when adjusted by the Board, shall be retained by the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen’s Association.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO CHIEFS OF DEPARTMENTS.

The attention of chiefs of departments is particularly called to article III., section 1, of these rules; and, in signing the certificates, the chief will designate whether the applicant is a “call man” or a “permanent man” in the department.



## LEGISLATION.

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[CHAPTER 177, ACTS OF 1892.]

### AN ACT APPROPRIATING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Before the first day of July in each year there shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of ten thousand dollars. Said sum shall be paid from the moneys received for taxes from fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. The money so paid to said treasurer shall be known and remain as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured while responding to, working at or returning from an alarm of fire, and for the relief of the widows and children of such firemen as may be killed in the line of their duty aforesaid, in such manner and in such sums as a board, to consist of five persons, two of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association and three of whom shall be appointed by the governor, shall determine; the appointees of the governor shall not be members of said association.

SECTION 3. The treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall give a bond with good and sufficient sureties to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, in double the sum received by him from said treasurer, for the faithful performance of his duties under this act; and shall make a detailed report under oath to the treasurer of the Commonwealth of expenditures of the appropriation made under this act, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

SECTION 4. The officers and members in active service of all incorporated protective departments acting in concert with fire departments, also any person doing fire duty at the request, or upon the order of the authorities of any town having no organized fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be eligible for benefits from this fund.

SECTION 5. All unexpended moneys received under this act by the said Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall be returned to the treasurer of the Commonwealth on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

SECTION 6. Five hundred dollars out of the amount hereby appropriated may be allowed for incidental expenses of the disbursing board, but otherwise no part of said ten thousand dollars shall be expended for salaries or any expenses except as provided in this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 19, 1892.*]

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[CHAPTER 375, ACTS OF 1894.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOND OF THE TREASURER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter one hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line, the words "double the sum received by him from said treasurer", and inserting in place thereof the words: — the sum of ten thousand dollars, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 3.* The treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall give a bond with good and sufficient sureties to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties under this act; and shall make a detailed report under oath to the treasurer of the Commonwealth of expenditures of the appropriation made under this act, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 12, 1894.*]





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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency W. MURRAY CRANE, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund presents herewith its eleventh annual report.

Notwithstanding the most rigid examination of each claim presented, the last meeting of the fiscal year closed with a deficit of \$741. Additional claims for injuries previous to June 1, amounting to \$830.50, were received too late for action, making the actual deficit \$1,571.50. In view of the fact that the overdraft of \$773.50 for the previous year was assumed by the State Firemen's Association, and the year 1900-1901 begun without any outstanding liabilities, the choice of one of these two methods seems inevitable: to reduce the allotment for injured firemen and minor children of firemen killed in the service, or present all facts and conditions to the Legislature and endeavor to secure an increased appropriation. At the outset \$1.50 per day was paid all disabled firemen for a period not exceeding 100 days. Later, such permanent men as had their pay continued during disability were reduced to \$1 per day. The past year has also witnessed the abolition of the \$100 formerly paid for the funeral expenses of a fireman killed while in the discharge of his duties. The weekly payment for minor children of a fireman who lost his life in discharge of fire duty is \$2. The members of the Board are unanimous in their opinion that further reductions are impracticable, if the fund is to serve the purpose for which it was created. As for three consecutive years the appropriation of \$10,000 by the Commonwealth has been insufficient to adjust all valid claims, there seems to be no alternative but to endeavor to secure an increase of appropriation.

No worthy cause has ever appealed to Massachusetts in vain, and it is believed that the same generous, warm-hearted response that has characterized the past will be forthcoming to meet the present exigency.

#### MINOR CHILDREN.

Although the disbursement to minor children under fifteen years of age now approximates \$3,500 a year, this feature is deserving of the most cordial commendation. In many cases the weekly payment of \$2 has served in keeping children with their mothers and giving them the benefit of public schools, whereas without it they might have become a public charge, and the State or municipality be compelled to assume the cost of their maintenance through other channels. In a way they may be considered under the guardianship of the Board, inasmuch as the treasurer personally inquires into their condition at each payment. Reference to the list will show that the number of these wards will diminish very slowly, even without new accessions, since so many of them are to be carried on the list for so long a time before reaching the age limit.

#### ELIGIBILITY.

During the year an important question came before the Board for decision; that question was the legal interpretation and meaning of section 4 of chapter 177, legislative Acts of 1892. This is the statute law under which this Board acts. The section reads as follows: —

The officers and members in active service of all incorporated protective departments, acting in concert with fire departments, also any person doing fire duty at the request, or upon the order of the authorities of any town having no organized fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be eligible for benefits from this fund.

On June 4, 1900, a fire occurred in Foxborough (the burning of the town hall). At this fire three men were killed and one was severely injured. Of the men killed, only one was a member of the Foxborough fire department. For this case the funeral benefit of \$100 was allowed. The other



two men killed and the man injured were men impressed into the service. At the monthly meeting of this Board, held June 26, 1900, the claims for all of these cases were presented and considered. As stated above, the claim for the regular member of the fire department was allowed. For the remaining claims from Foxborough for the fire of June 4, 1900, the Board passed the following:—

*Voted*, That it appears, by a supplemental affidavit sent with the claims from Foxborough, that at a fire in Foxborough, June 4, 1900, the claimants were impressed into the fire service by the proper authorities; and inasmuch as section 4 of chapter 177, legislative Acts of 1892, does not provide for compensation for injuries in such cases of impressed service, but only for towns having no organized fire department, that under the provisions of said section and chapter this Board cannot allow compensation on either of the claims. And further *voted*, That under the provisions of chapter 177, Acts of 1892, the claims have no standing with this Board.

At the meeting of the Board held Aug. 29, 1900, a communication from the parties interested was read. This communication asked for a reconsideration of the cases. The Board reviewed the claims, and unanimously voted to adhere to the decision made and recorded June 26, 1900.

Again, at the meeting of Dec. 5, 1900, another letter from the parties interested was read, requesting the Board to again take the claims under consideration, and again the Board unanimously voted that the original decision must be adhered to.

Each member of the Board firmly believed that the decision on the Foxborough cases was in strict accordance with the statute; yet, at the meeting held Jan. 9, 1901, it was decided to submit the whole question, with all the papers and the records of the meetings thereon, to the Attorney-General for an opinion. The Board did this in order to know positively whether its decisions were right or wrong.

On Feb. 5, 1901, the Attorney-General rendered the following opinion, by which it will be seen that the action and decision of the Board in the Foxborough cases are fully sustained:—

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,

BOSTON, Feb. 5, 1901.

J. C. CROMBIE, *Chairman, Lawrence, Mass.*

DEAR SIR: — Your letter of January 21 requires my opinion upon the question whether certain persons referred to in the papers annexed to the letter are entitled to relief under the provisions of St. 1892, c. 177, relating to the Firemen's Relief Fund, of which your Board has the disbursement.

It appears by the documents submitted that a disastrous fire occurred in Foxborough in June last. Foxborough is a town which had at the time an organized fire department. Some of the regular members of the fire department were absent, and in consequence of the fierceness of the fire the men in question were impressed into the service by the engineers, and received their injuries while performing the duties of firemen.

The chapter in question provides, in section 2, that the fund shall be used "for the relief of firemen." It provides further, in section 4, that members of incorporated protective departments shall be eligible for benefits; and also "any person doing fire duty at the request or upon the order of the authorities of any town having no organized fire department."

It is obvious that the word "firemen" in the first section does not mean any person who is engaged in extinguishing a fire. Otherwise, there would have been no occasion for the language above quoted in the 4th section, which includes, in addition to "firemen," persons doing fire duty where there is no organized fire department. It follows that the meaning of the word "firemen" must be sought in the statutes.

Pub. Sts., c. 35, §§ 28-39, inclusive, authorize the selectmen of a town to establish a fire department, and provide for the method of creating the same. Section 31 limits the number of men to be employed on the several engines, hose carriages and hook and ladder carriages, as well as in each fire company. These companies, by section 2, may organize themselves, elect officers, establish rules and regulations, and annex penalties for the breach of the same. They may also have certain exemptions from other public duties, such as jury duty (Pub. Sts., c. 170, § 2). These rights and privileges are doubtless conferred in consideration of the fact that they have volunteered to hold themselves in readiness at all times, seasonable or unseasonable, to perform what may often be a hazardous and difficult task.

I see no reason to doubt that the purpose of the statute establishing the Firemen's Relief Fund was further to recognize their

services by compensating them for injuries received in the performance of their duty. It was the intent of the Legislature to encourage men to enlist in organized fire departments by holding out the inducement of such compensation.

It is otherwise with one who is impressed into the service upon a single occasion, and who has not chosen to connect himself regularly with the fire department. It seems to have been the express purpose of the Legislature to exclude such persons, and to extend the relief provided by the statutes only to regular members of the fire department, where there is a fire department; the only exception being in favor of persons doing fire duty in towns where there is no such organized fire department.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that, however meritorious the services of the persons in question may have been, they are not entitled to relief from the fund in charge of your Board.

Very truly yours,

HOSEA M. KNOWLTON,

*Attorney-General.*

The intent and meaning of section 4, chapter 177, is thus decided by high legal authority. It is the intention of each member of the Board to conscientiously do his duty to all who are or may be connected with the Massachusetts Firemen's Relief Fund. At times the decisions of the Board (like the Foxborough cases) may be a personal disappointment to some; yet the members recognize their duty, and endeavor to act on principles of justice and equity to the Commonwealth and to the injured firemen.

The records of the Board from its inception have been most methodically kept, and are open at any time for inspection. They are such as to substantiate the wisdom of perpetuating the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

Appended is a tabulated statement, showing amounts allowed during the year for accidents and fatalities in various cities and towns of the Commonwealth, with the causes of the same; also a record of the total disbursements each year from 1890 to June 30, 1901.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board,

J. C. CROMBIE,

*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1901.

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Claims considered, . . . . .	208
Claims allowed, . . . . .	201
Claims rejected, . . . . .	7

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen:—

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.
Athol, . . . .	1	\$21 00	New Bedford, . .	4	\$152 50
Adams, . . . .	1	30 00	Newburyport, . .	3	111 00
Boston, . . . .	73	2,163 50	North Adams, . .	3	82 50
Beverly, . . . .	1	10 50	North Attleborough,	1	18 00
Brookline, . . . .	2	52 00	Pittsfield, . . .	1	34 50
Blackstone, . . . .	1	19 50	Peabody, . . . .	1	21 00
Clinton, . . . .	1	21 00	Pepperell, . . . .	1	28 50
Cambridge, . . . .	6	115 50	Quincy, . . . .	1	45 00
Chicopee, . . . .	1	42 00	Revere, . . . .	1	67 50
Cohasset, . . . .	1	9 00	Randolph, . . . .	1	67 50
Dalton, . . . .	1	21 00	Springfield, . . .	3	172 00
Fitchburg, . . . .	3	131 50	Salem, . . . .	4	203 00
Freetown, . . . .	1	57 00	Somerville, . . .	6	464 00
Framingham, . . . .	1	40 50	Southbridge, . . .	1	15 00
Gloucester, . . . .	6	294 00	Stoneham, . . . .	1	31 50
Haverhill, . . . .	8	255 00	Taunton, . . . .	2	16 50
Hudson, . . . .	1	15 00	Turners Falls, . .	1	10 50
Lowell, . . . .	5	129 50	Woburn, . . . .	1	126 00
Lawrence, . . . .	2	21 50	Wakefield, . . . .	4	126 00
Lynn, . . . .	6	176 50	West Springfield, . .	2	10 50
Lexington, . . . .	2	31 50	Winchester, . . .	1	37 50
Leominster, . . . .	1	24 00	Worcester, . . . .	6	163 00
Malden, . . . .	1	39 00	Waltham, . . . .	12	732 00
Medford, . . . .	3	33 00	Watertown, . . . .	1	10 50
Marlborough, . . . .	1	28 50	Westborough, . . .	1	16 50
Millbury, . . . .	1	123 00	Webster, . . . .	7	66 00

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## CAUSES OF INJURY.

Burns, . . . . .	16	Hit by hydrant stream, . . . . .	2
Breaking of ladder, . . . . .	6	Hook in hand, . . . . .	2
Breaking of axle on hose wagon, . . . . .	1	Hot air explosion, . . . . .	1
Broken ankle, . . . . .	1	Injury right testicle, . . . . .	1
Broken leg, . . . . .	1	Iron rake run in foot, . . . . .	1
Broken wrist, . . . . .	1	Jammed between door and ladder truck, . . . . .	1
Cut by glass, . . . . .	17	Nail in foot, . . . . .	2
Cut by tin, . . . . .	1	Pulled thumb nail off, . . . . .	1
Collision with a train of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, . . . . .	1	Run over by bicycle, . . . . .	1
Collision with a street car, . . . . .	1	Run over by hose wagon, . . . . .	1
Falling wall, . . . . .	7	Run over by ladder truck, . . . . .	1
Falling from ladder, . . . . .	5	Sprained back, . . . . .	6
Falling chimney, . . . . .	5	Sprained ankle, . . . . .	4
Falling down stairs, . . . . .	5	Sprained shoulder, . . . . .	2
Falling on sidewalk, . . . . .	4	Sprained neck, . . . . .	1
Falling slate, . . . . .	3	Sprained hand, . . . . .	1
Falling from building, . . . . .	2	Sprained wrist, . . . . .	1
Falling from roof, . . . . .	2	Struck by nozzle of pipe, . . . . .	4
Falling timber, . . . . .	2	Struck by axe, . . . . .	2
Falling of hydrant gate, . . . . .	1	Struck by hydrant chuck, . . . . .	2
Falling on hydrant, . . . . .	1	Struck by cover of sliding pole, . . . . .	1
Falling from pile of lumber, . . . . .	1	Struck by pole of hose wagon, . . . . .	1
Falling over line of hose, . . . . .	1	Struck by a bale of shoddy, . . . . .	1
Falling on ice, . . . . .	1	Scalded by steam, . . . . .	1
Falling from freight car, . . . . .	1	Stopping runaway horse attached to hose wagon, . . . . .	1
Falling over grate, . . . . .	1	Sliding down pole in engine house, . . . . .	2
Falling of ceiling, . . . . .	1	Thrown from hose wagon, . . . . .	20
Foot caught in railroad crossing, . . . . .	1	Thrown from ladder truck, . . . . .	4
Fractured ribs, . . . . .	1	Thrown from chemical engine, . . . . .	2
Finger injured by door, . . . . .	1	Thrown from engine, . . . . .	2
Gas explosion, . . . . .	2	Thrown from bicycle, . . . . .	2
Giving away of floor, . . . . .	1	Thrown from chief's wagon, . . . . .	1

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

Falling chimney, . . . . .	1
Oil tank explosion, . . . . .	1
Thrown from chemical engine, . . . . .	1



LIST OF CHILDREN UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE ENTITLED TO BENEFIT FROM THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND, MASSACHUSETTS,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1901.

NAME.	City or Town.	Born.	Time expires.	Period of Time.	Amount.
George J. Gottwald, .	Boston, .	June 1, 1891,	June 1, 1906,	Weeks. 52	\$104 00
Grace E. Gottwald, .	Boston, .	Aug. 8, 1892,	Aug. 8, 1907,	52	104 00
William Gottwald, .	Boston, .	April 27, 1895,	April 27, 1910,	52	104 00
Frederick Gottwald, .	Boston, .	Feb. 12, 1897,	Aug. 12, 1912,	52	104 00
Katherin V. McCarthy,	Boston, .	Feb. 17, 1887,	Feb. 17, 1902,	52	104 00
Josephine McCarthy,	Boston, .	July 26, 1891,	July 26, 1906,	52	104 00
Julia V. McCarthy, .	Boston, .	May 25, 1896,	May 25, 1911,	52	104 00
Justin J. McCarthy, .	Boston, .	Jan. 25, 1899,	Jan. 25, 1914,	52	104 00
Catherine C. Victory,	Boston, .	March 28, 1887,	March 28, 1902,	52	104 00
Elizabeth M. Victory,	Boston, .	Sept. 20, 1889,	Sept. 20, 1904,	52	104 00
Gertrude L. Victory, .	Boston, .	Aug. 12, 1894,	Aug. 12, 1909,	52	104 00
Wm. H. McDonald, .	Boston, .	April 16, 1896,	April 16, 1911,	52	104 00
Mary F. McDonald, .	Boston, .	Feb. 10, 1898,	Feb. 10, 1913,	52	104 00
Herbert J. Pierce, .	Boston, .	Nov. 19, 1890,	Nov. 19, 1905,	34	68 00
Mabel H. Pierce, .	Boston, .	Feb. 17, 1897,	Feb. 17, 1912,	34	68 00
Phela E. Blackwell, .	Fall River, .	Dec. 18, 1887,	Dec. 18, 1902,	52	\$1,488 00
Edgar H. Josselyn, .	Foxborough, .	Sept. 27, 1888,	Sept. 27, 1903,	52	104 00
George M. Josselyn, .	Foxborough, .	Jan. 3, 1893,	Jan. 3, 1908,	52	104 00
Alfred G. Tolman, .	Hanover, .	Oct. 29, 1891,	Oct. 29, 1906,	52	208 00
Helen J. Tolman, .	Hanover, .	Nov. 23, 1893,	Nov. 23, 1908,	52	208 00

Barbara L. MacMonagle,	.	.	Haverhill,	.	July	5, 1893,	July	5, 1908,	52	\$104 00	104 00
Adelaid C. Donlan,	.	.	Lynn,	.	Aug.	22, 1891,	Aug.	22, 1906,	52	104 00	
Ide M. Moody,	.	.	Lynn,	.	Nov.	18, 1890,	Nov.	18, 1905,	52	104 00	
James J. Murray,	.	.	Lynn,	.	Jan.	26, 1895,	Jan.	26, 1910,	52	104 00	
Mattie C. Skinner,	.	.	Lynn,	.	June	11, 1894,	June	11, 1909,	52	104 00	
Harry B. Tarbox,	.	.	Lynn,	.	Jan.	15, 1888,	Jan.	15, 1903,	52	104 00	
Helen J. Adams,	.	.	Rockland,	.	Dec.	13, 1886,	Dec.	13, 1901,	52	\$104 00	520 00
Opal C. Adams,	.	.	Rockland,	.	May	9, 1889,	May	9, 1904,	52	104 00	
Harold W. Lipsett,	.	.	Somerville,	.	Sept.	28, 1892,	Sept.	28, 1907,	13	\$26 00	
Irene P. Lipsett,	.	.	Somerville,	.	July	7, 1899,	July	7, 1914,	13	26 00	
Amy G. Lipsett,	.	.	Somerville,	.	Jan.	17, 1900,	Jan.	17, 1915,	13	26 00	
Alice A. Dowd,*	.	.	West Medway,	.	Jan	29, 1886,	Jan.	29, 1901,	30		78 00
Fred E. Brigham,	.	.	Worcester,	.	Dec.	3, 1887,	Dec.	3, 1902,	52	\$104 00	60 00
Ruth H. Brigham,	.	.	Worcester,	.	July	24, 1893,	July	24, 1908,	52	104 00	
											208 00
									1,593		\$3,186 00

\* Time expired.

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JUNE 30, 1901.

For the Year ending June 30.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 35
1892, . . . . .	9,724 10	275 90
1893, . . . . .	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894, . . . . .	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895, . . . . .	9,617 06	382 94
1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38*
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87†
1901, . . . . .	10,000 00	-‡

\* Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to July 1, 1899.

† Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association.

‡ Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1901.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor to present this my eleventh annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith.

### RECEIPTS.

1900.

July 5. Received of Hon. Edward S. Bradford, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 177, Acts of 1892),	\$10,000 00
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### EXPENDITURES.

Paid 2,350 days' injury benefits to call men, at \$1.50 per day,	\$3,525 00
2,491 days' injury benefits to permanent men, at \$1 per day,	2,491 00
3 funeral benefits, at \$100 each,	300 00
1,593 weeks' benefits for minor children, at \$2 per week,	3,186 00
expense account,	498 00
	\$10,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,  
*Treasurer.*

## RULES OF THE BOARD.

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The following rules have been adopted to govern the meetings of the Board and the disbursement of the fund.

J. C. CROMBIE, *Chairman.*

C. S. PAISLER, *Secretary.*

### ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the "Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund."

SECTION 2. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at the State House, on the first Wednesday of each month, at 1.30 o'clock P.M.

### ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Board shall consist of a chairman and secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

SECTION 2. The officers shall be elected by this Board, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SECTION 3. At all meetings of the Board a majority shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of such quorum shall determine all questions.

SECTION 4. All orders on the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association must be signed by the chairman and secretary of this Board.

### ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. *Call Men.* — All firemen known as "call men," or others eligible to the benefits of this fund, as provided for in chapter 177, legislative Acts of 1892, who may become injured in the line of fire duty, shall be entitled to benefits from this fund as follows: at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents for each day while unable to attend to their ordinary business by reason of such injury. Such benefits, arising from any particular injury, shall not continue longer than one hundred days from the date of such injury; but the Board may extend such benefits, if they deem it advisable, and if the amount of the fund at that time will permit it.

*Permanent Men.*—All firemen known as “permanent men,” injured in the line of fire duty, and receiving their regular pay from the city or town during their disability, shall be entitled to benefits from this fund at the rate of one dollar for each day of actual disability, for a period not exceeding one hundred days from date of injury,—except “permanent men” who may become injured in the line of fire duty, and whose compensation or salary received from the city or town is deducted during the term of their disability; such “permanent men” shall be entitled to benefits at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per day, the same as provided for “call men” in this section.

SECTION 2. In case of death from injury received while in the performance of fire duty, the Board shall pay to each child, under fifteen years of age, of such deceased fireman, two dollars per week in monthly payments.

SECTION 3. All particulars regarding each case where a benefit is required shall be certified and recommended on blank form by the chief or acting chief of each fire department and commanding officer of company; and in case of protective departments by the commanding officer of the department; or, if there is no organized fire department, by a majority of the selectmen. In all cases the physician who attended the injured applicant must make an affidavit.

SECTION 4. Applications for relief or benefits shall be made to the secretary of the Massachusetts State Firemen’s Association, in compliance with forms to be furnished by him for that purpose, and they shall be made within thirty days after receiving the injury; but said time for making such applications may be extended by the Board, for good cause shown.

SECTION 5. If the applicant in any case fails to obtain the signature or certificate of any person or officer necessary to enable him to conform to the requirements of the prescribed forms, he shall make a written application for relief to the commissioners, who are empowered to make any order that in their opinion justice may require.

SECTION 6. All applications for relief or benefits, when adjusted by the Board, shall be retained by the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen’s Association.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO CHIEFS OF DEPARTMENTS.

The attention of chiefs of departments is particularly called to article III., section 1, of these rules; and, in signing the certificates, the chief will designate whether the applicant is a “call man” or a “permanent man” in the department.

## LEGISLATION.

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[CHAPTER 177, ACTS OF 1892.]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR  
THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Before the first day of July in each year there shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of ten thousand dollars. Said sum shall be paid from the moneys received for taxes from fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. The money so paid to said treasurer shall be known and remain as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured while responding to, working at or returning from an alarm of fire, and for the relief of the widows and children of such firemen as may be killed in the line of their duty aforesaid, in such manner and in such sums as a board, to consist of five persons, two of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association and three of whom shall be appointed by the governor, shall determine; the appointees of the governor shall not be members of said association.

SECTION 3. The treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall give a bond with good and sufficient sureties to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, in double the sum received by him from said treasurer, for the faithful performance of his duties under this act; and shall make a detailed report under oath to the treasurer of the Commonwealth of expenditures of the appropriation made under this act, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

SECTION 4. The officers and members in active service of all incorporated protective departments acting in concert with fire departments, also any person doing fire duty at the request, or upon the order of the authorities of any town having no organ-

ized fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be eligible for benefits from this fund.

SECTION 5. All unexpended moneys received under this act by the said Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall be returned to the treasurer of the Commonwealth on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

SECTION 6. Five hundred dollars out of the amount hereby appropriated may be allowed for incidental expenses of the disbursing board, but otherwise no part of said ten thousand dollars shall be expended for salaries or any expenses except as provided in this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 19, 1892.*]

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[CHAPTER 375, ACTS OF 1894.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOND OF THE TREASURER OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter one hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line, the words "double the sum received by him from said treasurer", and inserting in place thereof the words: — the sum of ten thousand dollars, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 3.* The treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association shall give a bond with good and sufficient sureties to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties under this act; and shall make a detailed report under oath to the treasurer of the Commonwealth of expenditures of the appropriation made under this act, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 12, 1894.*]





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## COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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CHARLES S. PAISLER, *Secretary.*

[Appointed by the Governor.]

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[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]

EDWARD S. HOSMER,	.	.	.	.	.	LOWELL.
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## TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON,	.	.	.	.	.	WORCESTER.
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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency W. MURRAY CRANE, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund presents herewith the following tabulated statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, the same constituting its twelfth annual report.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board,

J. C. CROMBIE,  
*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1902.

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Claims considered, . . . . .	211
Claims allowed, . . . . .	195
Claims rejected, . . . . .	10
Claims laid over for investigation, . . . . .	6

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen : —

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.
Attleborough, . . . . .	1	\$7 50	Marblehead, . . . . .	1	\$100 50
Brookfield, . . . . .	3	213 00	New Bedford, . . . . .	2	95 00
Brookline, . . . . .	1	100 00	Needham, . . . . .	1	75 00
Brockton, . . . . .	2	162 00	Norhampton, . . . . .	1	19 50
Boston, . . . . .	53	1,653 00	Newton, . . . . .	3	60 00
Braintree, . . . . .	1	139 50	Norwood, . . . . .	2	45 00
Chelmsford, . . . . .	1	6 00	Peabody, . . . . .	1	19 50
Clinton, . . . . .	1	16 50	Quincy, . . . . .	3	70 50
Cambridge, . . . . .	7	191 50	Randolph, . . . . .	1	63 00
Chelsea, . . . . .	4	295 50	Springfield, . . . . .	8	279 50
Danvers, . . . . .	1	15 00	Salem, . . . . .	4	187 50
Fall River, . . . . .	1	42 00	Somerville, . . . . .	6	234 00
Fitchburg, . . . . .	4	129 00	Stoneham, . . . . .	1	16 50
Foxborough, . . . . .	1	15 00	Salisbury, . . . . .	1	24 00
Framingham, . . . . .	3	168 00	Saugus, . . . . .	1	82 50
Gloucester, . . . . .	1	30 00	Taunton, . . . . .	2	78 50
Haverhill, . . . . .	2	45 00	Woburn, . . . . .	2	82 50
Holyoke, . . . . .	3	89 00	West Springfield, . . . . .	1	73 50
Lowell, . . . . .	5	115 50	Winchester, . . . . .	1	36 00
Lawrence, . . . . .	4	58 00	Worcester, . . . . .	20	428 00
Lynn, . . . . .	10	503 00	Watertown, . . . . .	1	10 50
Leominster, . . . . .	1	9 00	Ware, . . . . .	3	115 50
Malden, . . . . .	1	8 00	Waltham, . . . . .	5	81 00
Medford, . . . . .	1	12 00	Weymouth, . . . . .	2	94 50
Marlborough, . . . . .	4	105 00	Walpole, . . . . .	1	45 00
Milford, . . . . .	2	36 00	Webster, . . . . .	1	34 50
Methuen, . . . . .	2	51 00			

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## CAUSES OF INJURY.

Burns, . . . . .	12	Hand caught in barbed wire, . . .	1
Breaking of ladder, . . . . .	6	Head came in contact with horse collar, . . . . .	1
Breaking of ladder rope, . . . . .	1	Jammed between ladder truck and stone post, . . . . .	1
Broken hand, . . . . .	1	Jumping from one timber to another, . . . . .	1
Broken leg, . . . . .	1	Knocked down by hose pipe, . . . . .	2
Cut by glass, . . . . .	18	Kicked by horse, . . . . .	3
Cut leg by axe, . . . . .	3	Making hydrant connection with engine, . . . . .	1
Collision with electric car, . . . . .	3	Nail in foot, . . . . .	4
Collision with trolley pole, . . . . .	1	Nail in knee, . . . . .	1
Cotton hook in eye, . . . . .	1	Open door, . . . . .	1
Cotton hook in hand, . . . . .	1	Run over by engine, . . . . .	3
Cinder in eye, . . . . .	1	Run over by hose wagon, . . . . .	3
Electric shock, . . . . .	1	Run over by ladder truck, . . . . .	1
Falling from ladder, . . . . .	9	Run against chain in doorway of engine house, . . . . .	1
Falling wall, . . . . .	5	Removing cement sidewalk, . . . . .	1
Falling downstairs, . . . . .	4	Sprained back, . . . . .	6
Falling on sidewalk, . . . . .	4	Sprained ankle, . . . . .	6
Falling from roof, . . . . .	6	Sprained hip, . . . . .	2
Falling through hole in floor, . . . . .	3	Sprained leg, . . . . .	2
Falling of roof, . . . . .	3	Sprained hand, . . . . .	1
Falling over line of hose, . . . . .	2	Sprained arm, . . . . .	1
Falling from building, . . . . .	1	Sprained knee, . . . . .	1
Falling from electric car, . . . . .	1	Sprained spine, . . . . .	1
Falling of a ladder, . . . . .	1	Sprained thumb, . . . . .	1
Falling in attempt to get on hose wagon, . . . . .	1	Sprained wrist, . . . . .	1
Falling of ceiling, . . . . .	1	Struck in back by pole of engine, . . . . .	1
Falling from platform, . . . . .	1	Sliding down pole in engine house, . . . . .	1
Falling hose horses, . . . . .	1	Splinter in hand from ladder truck, . . . . .	1
Falling from wagon, . . . . .	1	Thrown from hose wagon, . . . . .	17
Falling of floor, . . . . .	1	Thrown from ladder truck, . . . . .	9
Falling of timber, . . . . .	1	Thrown from chief's wagon, . . . . .	3
Falling over a wall, . . . . .	1	Thrown from wagon, . . . . .	2
Falling through hatchway, . . . . .	1	Thrown from bicycle, . . . . .	2
Foot caught in railroad crossing, . . . . .	1	Thrown from supply wagon, . . . . .	1
Fractured finger, . . . . .	2	Thrown from protective wagon, . . . . .	1
Fractured hand, . . . . .	1	Thrown from engine, . . . . .	1
Fractured wrist, . . . . .	1	Thrown from hose slide, . . . . .	1
Gas explosion, . . . . .	2		
Hot water, . . . . .	1		
Hot-air explosion, . . . . .	1		
Hydrant wrench caught in wagon, . . . . .	1		

LIST OF CHILDREN UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE ENTITLED TO BENEFIT FROM THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND, MASSACHUSETTS,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1902.

NAME.	City or Town.	Born.	Time expires.	Period of Time.	Amount.
George J. Gottwald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	June 1, 1891,	June 1, 1906,	Weeks.	\$104 00
Grace E. Gottwald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Aug. 8, 1892,	Aug. 8, 1907,	52	104 00
William Gottwald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	April 27, 1895,	April 27, 1910,	52	104 00
Frederick Gottwald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Aug. 12, 1897,	Aug. 12, 1912,	52	104 00
Katherine V. McCarthy,* . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Feb. 17, 1887,	Feb. 17, 1902,	33	66 00
Josephine McCarthy, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	July 26, 1891,	July 26, 1906,	52	104 00
Julia V. McCarthy, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	May 25, 1896,	May 25, 1911,	52	104 00
Justin J. McCarthy, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Jan. 25, 1899,	Jan. 25, 1914,	52	104 00
Catherine C. Victory,* . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	March 28, 1887,	March 28, 1902,	39	78 00
Elizabeth M. Victory, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Sept. 20, 1889,	Sept. 20, 1904,	52	104 00
Gertrude L. Victory, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Aug. 12, 1894,	Aug. 12, 1909,	52	104 00
Wm. H. McDonald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	April 16, 1896,	April 16, 1911,	52	104 00
Mary F. McDonald, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Feb. 10, 1896,	Feb. 10, 1913,	52	104 00
Herbert J. Pierce, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Nov. 19, 1890,	Nov. 19, 1905,	52	104 00
Mabel H. Pierce, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Feb. 17, 1897,	Feb. 17, 1912,	52	104 00
Phela E. Blackwell, . . . . .	Fall River, . . . . .	Dec. 18, 1887,	Dec. 18, 1902,	52	\$1,496 00
Edgar H. Josselyn, . . . . .	Foxborough, . . . . .	Sept. 27, 1888,	Sept. 27, 1903,	52	104 00
George M. Josselyn, . . . . .	Foxborough, . . . . .	Jan. 3, 1893,	Jan. 3, 1908,	52	104 00
Alfred G. Tolman, . . . . .	Hanover, . . . . .	Oct. 29, 1891,	Oct. 29, 1906,	52	208 00
Helen J. Tolman, . . . . .	Hanover, . . . . .	Nov. 23, 1893,	Nov. 23, 1908,	52	\$104 00
					104 00
					\$104 00
					104 00
					208 00
					\$104 00
					104 00
					208 00
					\$104 00
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Barbara L. MacMonagle,	.	.	Haverhill,	.	5, 1893,	July	5, 1908,	52	\$104 00	104 00
Adelaide C. Donlan,	.	.	Lynn,	.	22, 1891,	Aug.	22, 1906,	52	104 00	
Ida M. Moody,	.	.	Lynn,	.	18, 1890,	Nov.	18, 1905,	52	104 00	
James J. Murray,	.	.	Lynn,	.	26, 1895,	Jan.	26, 1910,	52	104 00	
Mattie C. Skinner,	.	.	Lynn,	.	11, 1894,	June	11, 1909,	52	104 00	
Harry B. Tarbox,	.	.	Lynn,	.	15, 1888,	Jan.	15, 1903,	52	104 00	520 00
Helen J. Adams,	.	.	Rockland,	.	13, 1886,	Dec.	13, 1901,	24	\$48 00	
Opal C. Adams,	.	.	Rockland,	.	9, 1889,	May	9, 1904,	52	104 00	152 00
Harold W. Lipsett,	.	.	Somerville,	.	28, 1892,	Sept.	28, 1907,	52	\$104 00	
Irene P. Lipsett,	.	.	Somerville,	.	7, 1898,	July	7, 1914,	52	104 00	
Amy G. Lipsett,	.	.	Somerville,	.	17, 1900,	Jan.	17, 1915,	52	104 00	312 00
Fred E. Brigham,	.	.	Worcester,	.	3, 1887,	Dec.	3, 1902,	52	\$104 00	
Ruth H. Brigham,	.	.	Worcester,	.	24, 1893,	July	24, 1908,	52	104 00	208 00
								1,656		\$3,312 00

\* Time expired.

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JUNE 30, 1902.

For the Year ending June 30.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 35
1892, . . . . .	9,724 10	275 90
1893, . . . . .	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894, . . . . .	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895, . . . . .	9,617 06	382 94
1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38*
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87†
1901, . . . . .	10,000 00	-‡
1902, . . . . .	9,999 96	04§
Totals, . . . . .	\$108,152 89	\$11,858 11

\* Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to July 1, 1899.

† Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association.

‡ Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.

§ Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1902.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor to present this my twelfth annual report of the receipts and expenditures as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith.

### RECEIPTS.

1901.

June 21.	Received of Hon. Edward S. Bradford, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 32, sections 71-77, of the Revised Laws), . . . . .	\$10,000 00
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### EXPENDITURES.

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Paid 2,480 days' injury benefits to call men, at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .		\$3,720 00
2,482 days' injury benefits to permanent men, at \$1 per day, . . . . .		2,482 00
1,656 weeks' benefits for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .		3,312 00
expense account, . . . . .		485 96
		\$9,999 96
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .		04
		\$10,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON,

*Treasurer.*

## LEGISLATION.

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[REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.]

### FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 73. Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 74. Officers and members in active service in all incorporated protective departments co-operating with fire departments, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof.

SECTION 75. The unexpended balance of said fund for the preceding year shall be returned to the treasurer and receiver general before the fifteenth day of July in each year, with a detailed report, under oath, of the expenditure of such fund.

SECTION 76. Five hundred dollars may be allowed from said fund for the incidental expenses of said board, but no part thereof shall be expended for any other expenses or for salaries.

[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word :— twelve, —so as to read as follows :— *Section 71.* The sum of twelve thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth, and it shall be known as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word :— twelve,—so as to read as follows :— *Section 72.* The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved February 25, 1902.*]

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[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203]

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE  
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc , as follows :*

SECTION 1. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided for by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 19, 1902.*]



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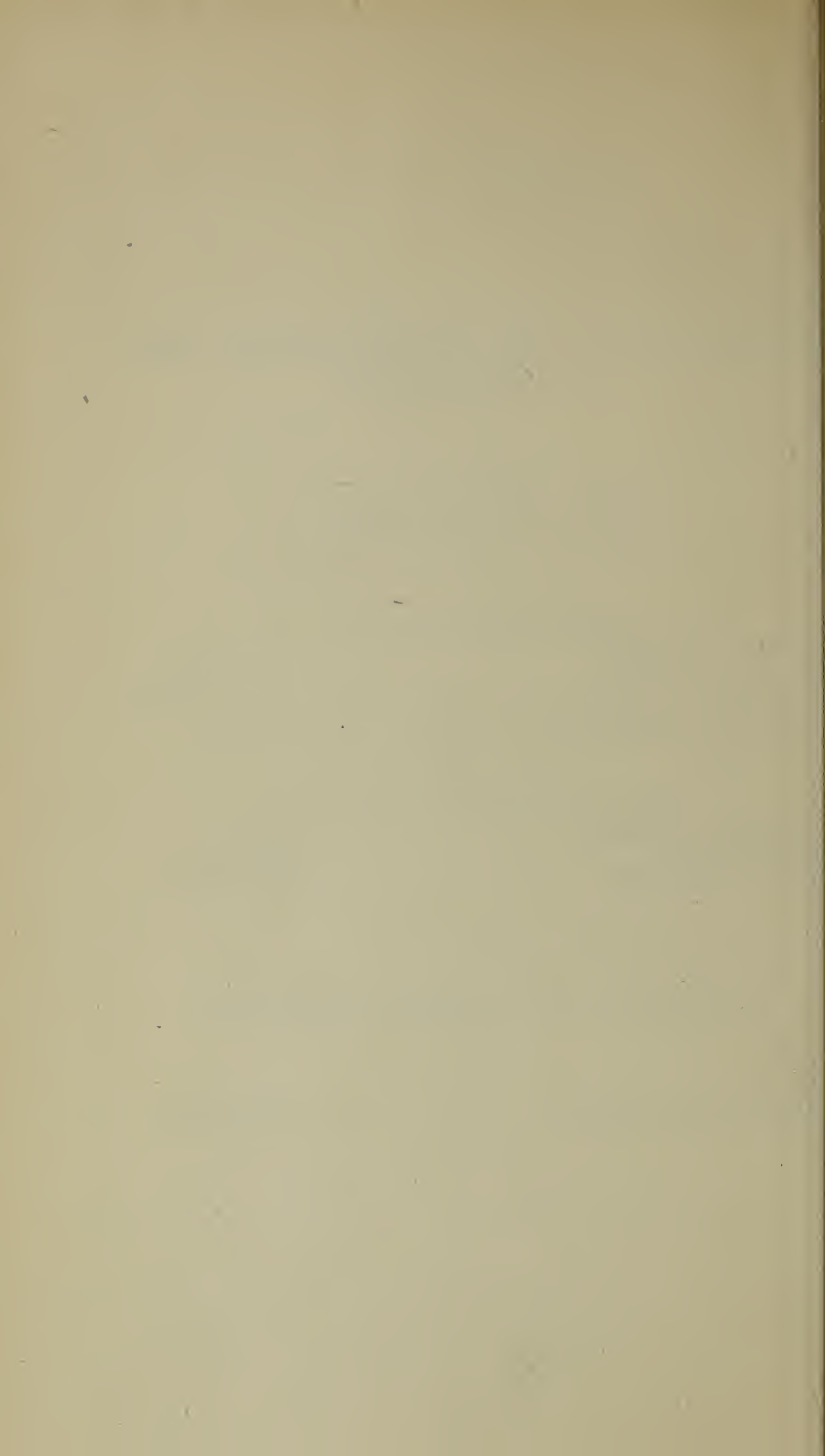
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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON, . . . . . WORCESTER.



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency JOHN L. BATES, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund presents herewith its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, the same being the thirteenth annual report since its establishment.

Through the liberality of the Legislature in increasing the appropriation from \$10,000 to \$12,000, the Board is, for the first time since 1898, enabled to show a substantial balance unexpended. Included in the expenditures are 37 claims brought over from the previous year, aggregating \$1,380.50.

### MINOR CHILDREN.

No portion of the money paid is more beneficial or far reaching in its results than the weekly allotment to minor children of deceased firemen, and it is a feature that should be maintained even at a sacrifice in other directions. The method of payment adopted by the treasurer has enabled him to keep in touch with each individual case, and the good that is being accomplished cannot be overestimated.

### DISBURSEMENT TO WIDOWS.

With the enactment of chapter 32, section 77, Revised Laws, providing for the payment by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of the sum of \$1,000 to the widow or dependents when a fireman is killed or dies within sixty days from injuries received while in the performance of his duties, an allowance of \$400, known as a death benefit, was discon-

tinued by this Board. This was not done until Attorney-General Parker had rendered a carefully prepared opinion, stating that the granting or withholding was optional. With constantly increasing demands upon the fund, it was felt that if any retrenchment were to be made it would be least a hardship to those who had already been provided for through another channel. Any special case involving great distress could still be eligible for consideration without an arbitrary rule making payment in all cases compulsory. The justice and wisdom of this arrangement cannot fail to commend itself to any unbiased person.

#### CLAIMS FOR INJURIES.

The same per diem allowance of \$1 and \$1.50 respectively to permanent and call firemen injured in the discharge of their duties has been continued. In rare instances this payment may prove an incentive to a prolonged absence from the service, but the great majority of firemen are honest, and resume their positions at the earliest possible moment.

#### SECRETARY OF BOARD.

To Secretary Charles S. Paisler much praise should be given for the systematic keeping of the records. In fact, so methodical are they that they would serve as a model for any commission. They have been available at all times for any critic or person desirous of information.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board as at present constituted consists of five members, three of whom are appointed by His Excellency the Governor and two elected by the State Firemen's Association. To reduce the number to three members, two of whom should be appointed by the Governor and one elected by the State Association, would in no way detract from its efficiency, and would reduce the expense of disbursement.

#### CONCLUSION.

With the ending of this fiscal year the members on the part of the Commonwealth have declined a reappointment to the positions they have occupied upon this Board from

its inception. It is their desire to express to His Excellency the Governor their deep and lasting appreciation for the cordial treatment and numerous courtesies accorded them.

To various chiefs of departments, and especially to Col. Henry S. Russell, the efficient commissioner of the Boston department, from which naturally comes the largest number of demands, they extend sincere thanks for co-operation in safe-guarding the interests of the Commonwealth, and, at the same time, doing justice to worthy claimants.

Appended is a tabulated statement, showing amounts allowed during the year for accidents and fatalities in various cities and towns of the State, with the causes of same; a list giving the number of minor children drawing from the fund, together with a record of the total disbursements each year from 1890 to June 30, 1903.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board,

J. C. CROMBIE,

*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen:—

LIST OF CLAIMS ALLOWED JUNE 25, 1902, AND PAID FROM THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 1902.

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.
Boston, . . .	10	\$362 00	Needham, . . .	1	\$75 00
Brockton, . . .	1	126 00	Orange, . . .	2	27 00
Brookfield, . . .	1	150 00	Quincy, . . .	1	31 50
Danvers, . . .	1	15 00	Randolph, . . .	1	63 00
Holyoke, . . .	1	44 00	Springfield, . . .	1	11 00
Lawrence, . . .	1	16 00	Worcester, . . .	10	237 50
Milford, . . .	1	15 00	Waltham, . . .	3	72 00
Marlborough, . . .	1	42 00			
Newton, . . .	1	31 50		37	\$1,318 50

LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1903.

Claims considered, . . . . .	200
Claims allowed, . . . . .	192
Claims rejected, . . . . .	6
Claims laid over for investigation, . . . . .	2

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Amount.
Athol, . . .	1	\$43 50	Medway, . . .	1	\$15 00
Andover, . . .	1	24 00	New Bedford, . . .	2	63 00
Arlington, . . .	1	24 50	Newburyport, . . .	2	34 50
Attleborough, . . .	1	150 00	Natick, . . .	3	120 00
Brockton, . . .	1	37 50	Newton, . . .	1	7 00
Braintree, . . .	1	37 50	North Adams, . . .	1	21 00
Boston, . . .	63	1,824 50	Peabody, . . .	1	67 50
Cambridge, . . .	7	94 50	Quincy, . . .	3	174 00
Chelsea, . . .	1	49 00	Stoughton, . . .	3	57 00
Chicopee Falls, . . .	1	34 50	Somerville, . . .	5	217 50
Danvers, . . .	2	174 00	Stoneham, . . .	2	84 00
Fitchburg, . . .	4	72 00	Salem, . . .	4	164 00
Fall River, . . .	3	152 50	Taunton, . . .	4	196 50
Haverhill, . . .	6	273 00	Wakefield, . . .	1	16 50
Holyoke, . . .	8	315 50	West Springfield, . . .	1	12 00
Hudson, . . .	4	145 50	Winchester, . . .	1	21 00
Hingham, . . .	1	9 00	Watertown, . . .	1	36 00
Lowell, . . .	6	198 50	Webster, . . .	1	15 00
Lawrence, . . .	2	54 00	Ware, . . .	1	12 00
Leominster, . . .	1	18 00	Weymouth, . . .	1	21 00
Lynn, . . .	8	393 00	Worcester, . . .	19	562 00
Malden, . . .	3	120 00			
Milton, . . .	1	30 00		192	\$6,378 00
Medford, . . .	3	50 50			
Marlborough, . . .	4	136 50	Total, . . .	—	\$7,696 50



## CAUSES OF INJURY.

Burns, . . . . .	28	Fractured hand, . . . . .	1
Breaking of derrick, . . . . .	1	Fractured leg, . . . . .	1
Cut by glass, . . . . .	22	Fractured finger, . . . . .	1
Cut by ax, . . . . .	3	Horse stepping on foot, . . . . .	4
Cinder in eye, . . . . .	2	Hot-air explosion, . . . . .	2
Cotton hook in hand, . . . . .	1	Hose bursting, . . . . .	1
Explosion of naphtha gas, . . . . .	4	Hot iron, . . . . .	1
Explosion of boiler, . . . . .	1	Kicked by horse, . . . . .	2
Explosion of hand chemical, . . . . .	1	Ladder spike in foot, . . . . .	1
Explosion of gas, . . . . .	1	Nail in foot, . . . . .	3
Engine horse runaway, . . . . .	1	Overturning hose wagon, . . . . .	7
Eye injured by stream of water, . . . . .	1	Overturning engine, . . . . .	1
Falling in attempt to get on wagon, . . . . .	8	Piece of metal from spanner run into hand, . . . . .	1
Falling on sidewalk, . . . . .	8	Run over by ladder truck, . . . . .	3
Falling from ladder, . . . . .	6	Run over by hose wagon, . . . . .	2
Falling of building, . . . . .	5	Run over by wagon, . . . . .	1
Falling down stairs, . . . . .	5	Sprained back, . . . . .	10
Falling of floor, . . . . .	4	Sprained ankle, . . . . .	6
Falling of chimney, . . . . .	4	Sprained knee, . . . . .	2
Falling through hole in the floor, . . . . .	3	Sprained shoulder, . . . . .	2
Falling through hatchway, . . . . .	2	Sprained hand, . . . . .	1
Falling slate, . . . . .	2	Sprained thumb, . . . . .	1
Falling of plank, . . . . .	2	Sprained wrist, . . . . .	1
Falling from roof, . . . . .	2	Sprained leg, . . . . .	1
Falling on ice, . . . . .	2	Struck in back by pole of engine, . . . . .	1
Falling of board, . . . . .	1	Struck by hose coupling, . . . . .	1
Falling of ceiling, . . . . .	1	Shock from charge gas pipe, . . . . .	1
Falling of rock, . . . . .	1	Sliding down pole in engine house, . . . . .	3
Falling from electric car, . . . . .	1	Thrown from hose wagon, . . . . .	11
Falling from window, . . . . .	1	Thrown from bicycle, . . . . .	7
Falling in hole on sidewalk, . . . . .	1	Thrown from engine, . . . . .	4
Falling of roof, . . . . .	1	Thrown from ladder truck, . . . . .	4
Falling into elevator well, . . . . .	1	Thrown from wagon, . . . . .	2
Falling over telephone wire, . . . . .	1	Thrown from chief wagon, . . . . .	2
Falling on curbstone, . . . . .	1	Thrown from coal wagon, . . . . .	1
Foot caught in railroad crossing, . . . . .	1	Thrown from chemical engine, . . . . .	1
Foot caught in iron hoop, . . . . .	1	Thrown from sleigh, . . . . .	1
Foot caught under axle of engine, . . . . .	1	Thrown down by horse, . . . . .	1
Foot frozen, . . . . .	1	Taking horse from wagon, . . . . .	2
Fractured rib, . . . . .	2		
Fracture of right clavicle, . . . . .	1		

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to benefit from the Firemen's Relief Fund, Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending June 30, 1903, together with the aggregate amounts allowed : —

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.
Boston, . .	13	\$1,352 00	Lynn, . .	5	\$472 00
Fall River, .	1	48 00	Rockland, .	1	104 00
Foxborough, .	2	208 00	Somerville, .	3	312 00
Hanover, . .	2	208 00	Worcester, .	2	148 00
Haverhill, .	1	104 00	Total, . .	37	\$3,226 00
Hudson, . .	7	270 00			

DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1903.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 35
1892, . . . . .	9,724 10	275 90
1893, . . . . .	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894, . . . . .	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895, . . . . .	9,617 06	382 94
1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38*
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87†
1901, . . . . .	10,000 00	-‡
1902, . . . . .	9,999 96	04§
1903, . . . . .	11,540 19	459 81
	\$119,693 08	\$12,317 92

\* Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to July 1, 1899.

† Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association.

‡ Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.

§ Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1903.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor of presenting this my thirteenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith.

### RECEIPTS.

1902.

July 3. Received of Hon. Edward S. Bradford, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 108, under the act of Feb. 25, 1902), . . . . .	\$12,000 00
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### EXPENDITURES.

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Paid 3,253 days' injury benefits to call men, at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .	\$4,879 50
2,943 days' injury benefits to permanent men, at \$1 per day, . . . . .	2,943 00
1,613 weeks' benefit for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .	3,226 00
expense account, . . . . .	491 69
	\$11,540 19
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .	459 81
	\$12,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON,

*Treasurer.*

## LEGISLATION.

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[REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.]

### FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 73. Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 74. Officers and members in active service in all incorporated protective departments co-operating with fire departments, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof.

SECTION 75. The unexpended balance of said fund for the preceding year shall be returned to the treasurer and receiver general before the fifteenth day of July in each year, with a detailed report, under oath, of the expenditure of such fund.

SECTION 76. Five hundred dollars may be allowed from said fund for the incidental expenses of said board, but no part thereof shall be expended for any other expenses or for salaries.

SECTION 77. If a fireman in a regularly organized fire department of a city or town, or any officer or member in active service

of any incorporated protective department acting in concert with fire departments, or a person doing fire duty at the request or by the order of the authorities of a town which has no organized fire department, or a person performing the duties of a fireman in such town, is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of his duties, and his death is certified by the city or town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner to the treasurer and receiver general, he shall pay to the executor or administrator of such fireman, out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased fireman for support. A child of full age dependent upon such fireman for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

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[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—twelve,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 71.* The sum of twelve thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth, and it shall be known as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—twelve,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 72.* The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 25, 1902.*



[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203.]

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE  
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided for by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 19, 1902.*

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[ACTS OF 1903, CHAPTER 253.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 73.* Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, of whom three, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor in July of the year nineteen hundred and three, to serve, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and one shall be appointed in July of each year thereafter to serve for the full term of three years, and two shall be appointed by said association in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 17, 1903.*

COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND  
OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
1903-1904.

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GEORGE F. HARWOOD, *Chairman.*  
D. ARTHUR BURT, *Secretary.*

[Appointed by the Governor]

GEORGE F. HARWOOD, LYNN, . . . Term expires July 1, 1906.  
BENJAMIN W. WELLS, BOSTON, . . . " " " 1905.  
FRED W. JENNESS, LOWELL, . . . " " " 1904.

[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]

EDWARD S. HOSMER, LOWELL, . . . Term expires Sept 1, 1905.  
FRED A. CHENEY, HAVERHILL, . . . " " " 1904.

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency JOHN L. BATES, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund presents herewith its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904.

The Board as now constituted consists of five members, three of whom are appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth and two are annually elected by the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association.

This is the first year of service upon this commission of the three members appointed by the Governor. The other two members, Messrs. Hosmer and Cheney, have served on this commission ever since its organization, and their long and faithful service has proved of great value to the Board.

During this year the Board has endeavored to pursue the strictest economy consistent with the object for which it was organized, which was to aid firemen injured in the discharge of their duties, etc.

Owing to the large number of fires throughout the State, and the consequent fatalities and serious injuries to firemen, the entire amount of funds at the disposal of the commission, namely, \$12,000, has been expended, and further claims amounting to \$130, are still pending before the commission.

Many cases needing personal investigation have been given to the commissioner living nearest the claimants, for him to make such investigation and report the facts to the full Board for such action as the Board might deem expedient.

At the beginning of the present year the Board was fortunate in securing the services of D. Arthur Burt as secretary, and through his fidelity and interest in the work of

the Board, and his accurate and careful system of keeping the records, the efficiency of the Board has been greatly promoted.

#### MINOR CHILDREN.

The weekly payments to minor children of deceased firemen are, in the opinion of the Board, of great importance, and of far-reaching benefit to the recipients.

Our treasurer, Mr. Hiram R. Williamson, by his careful and prompt attention to the payment of these claims, and by his personal acquaintance with each of the beneficiaries, obtained by visits to such parties, guarantees to the Board the accomplishment of this part of our work in the most satisfactory manner.

The action of this Board during the past year has been harmonious in the highest degree, and each member has contributed his full share to this end, so that the labors of the Board might result in the greatest good to the parties intended to be benefited thereby.

Appended is a tabulated statement, showing how the fund has been expended and the recipients of the same.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

GEORGE F. HARWOOD,

*Chairman.*



## STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen : —

### LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1904.

Claims considered, . . . . .	228
Claims allowed, . . . . .	215
Claims rejected, . . . . .	6
Claims withdrawn, . . . . .	1
Death claims, . . . . .	6

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Amesbury, . . . . .	1	—	\$10 50
Athol, . . . . .	1	—	64 50
Arlington, . . . . .	1	—	132 00
Beverly, . . . . .	4	—	96 50
Boston, . . . . .	84	(2) \$200 00	2,491 50*
Brockton, . . . . .	3	—	134 50
Brookline, . . . . .	1	—	144 00
Cambridge, . . . . .	3	—	58 50
Chelsea, . . . . .	2	—	22 50
Chicopee Falls, . . . . .	1	—	73 50
Clinton, . . . . .	2	(1) 100 00	43 50
Danvers, . . . . .	1	—	76 50
Easthampton, . . . . .	1	—	9 00
Everett, . . . . .	4	—	96 00
Fitchburg, . . . . .	1	—	18 00
Framingham, . . . . .	1	—	22 50
Gloucester, . . . . .	4	—	143 50
Greenfield, . . . . .	1	—	33 00
Groveland, . . . . .	1	—	21 00

\* Three rejected.

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Haverhill, . . . . .	1	-	\$18 00
Holyoke, . . . . .	3	-	145 00
Lawrence, . . . . .	1	-	30 00
Lee, . . . . .	1	-	150 00
Lexington, . . . . .	1	-	37 50
Lowell, . . . . .	17	(1) \$100 00	643 00
Lynn, . . . . .	4	-	194 50*
Malden, . . . . .	2	-	49 00
Manchester, . . . . .	1	-	75 00
Marlborough, . . . . .	1	-	-†
Medford, . . . . .	1	-	7 00
Milford, . . . . .	3	-	90 00
Millbury, . . . . .	1	-	12 00
Natick, . . . . .	5	-	91 00‡
New Bedford, . . . . .	1	-	21 00
Newton, . . . . .	4	-	56 50
North Adams, . . . . .	1	-	150 00
Northampton, . . . . .	1	-	150 00
Peabody, . . . . .	3	-	44 00
Plymouth, . . . . .	1	100 00	-
Provincetown, . . . . .	1	-	52 50
Quincy, . . . . .	2	-	66 00
Revere, . . . . .	1	-	18 00
Somerville, . . . . .	5	-	136 50
Springfield, . . . . .	2	-	64 00
Spencer, . . . . .	3	-	114 00
Stoneham, . . . . .	2	-	34 50
Taunton, . . . . .	11	-	455 50
Waltham, . . . . .	3	-	79 50
Ware, . . . . .	2	-	159 00
Whitman, . . . . .	1	-	21 00
Woburn, . . . . .	2	-	31 50
Worcester, . . . . .	22	100 00	369 50‡
	228	\$600 00	\$7,256 00

\* One withdrawn.

† Rejected.

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The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to benefit from the Firemen's Relief Fund, Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending June 30, 1904, together with the aggregate amounts allowed:—

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Hanover, . .	2	208 00	Rockland, .	1	90 00
Haverhill, .	1	104 00	Somerville, .	3	312 00
Hudson, . .	6	624 00	Worcester, .	6	234 00
Lowell, . .	1	40 00	Total, .	43	\$3,724 00

DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1904.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 35
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1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38*
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87†
1901, . . . . .	10,000 00	-‡
1902, . . . . .	9,999 96	04§
1903, . . . . .	11,540 19	459 81
1904, . . . . .	11,998 74	1 26
	\$131,691 82	\$12,319 18

\* Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to July 1, 1899.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1904.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor to present this, my fourteenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State, and administered in conformity therewith.

### RECEIPTS.

1903.

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### EXPENDITURES.

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6 funeral benefits, at \$100 each, . . . . .	600 00
1,862 weeks' benefit for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .	3,724 00
expense account, . . . . .	418 74
	\$11,998 74
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .	1 26
	\$12,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,  
*Treasurer of the Massachusetts State  
Firemen's Association.*

## LEGISLATION.

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[REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.]

### FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

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[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE  
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*Approved February 25, 1902.*



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*Approved March 19, 1902.*

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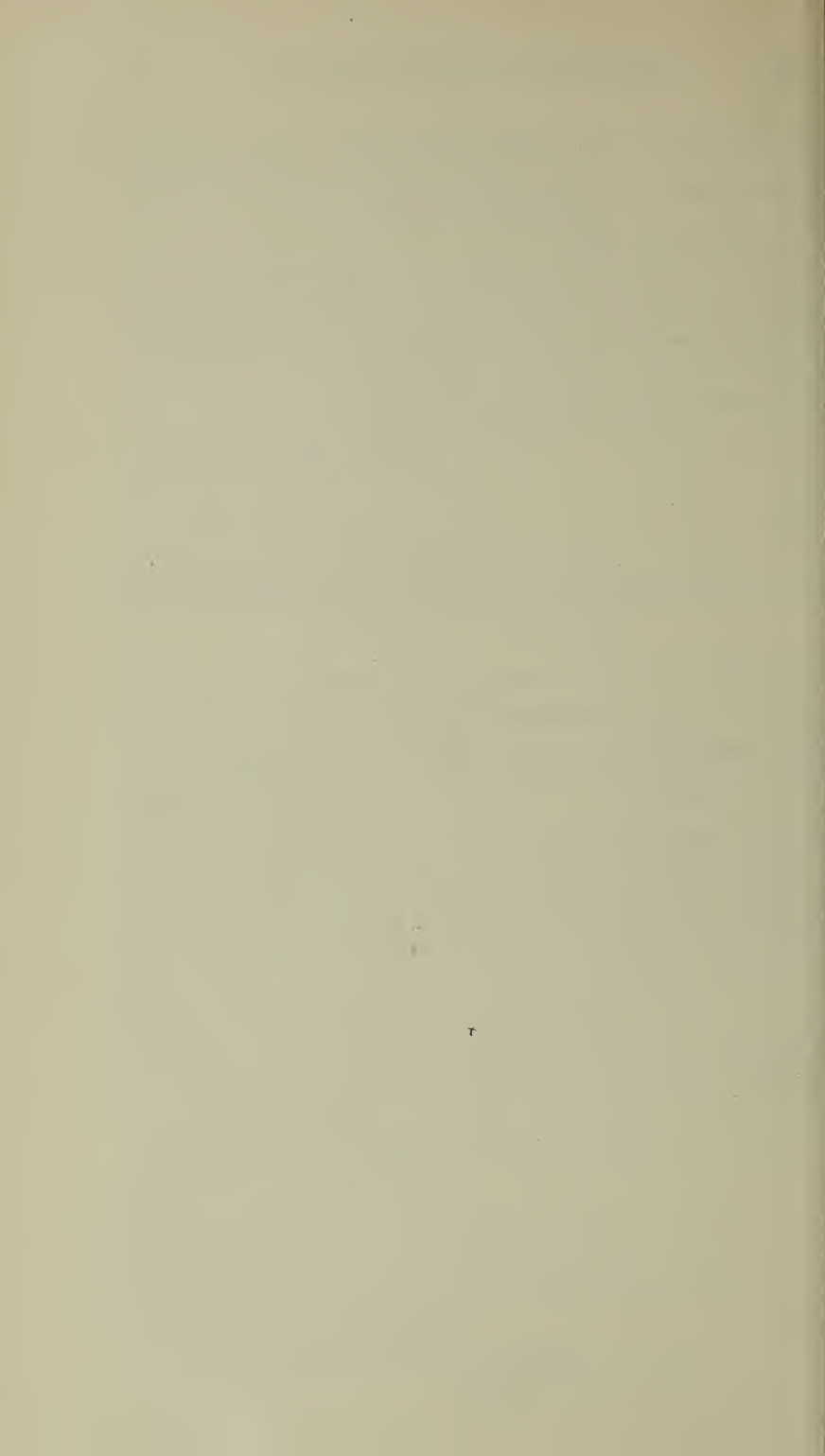
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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 17, 1903.*





COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND  
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1903-1904.

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GEORGE F. HARWOOD, *Chairman.*

D. ARTHUR BURT, *Secretary.*

[Appointed by the Governor.]

FRED W. JENNESS, LOWELL,	.	.	Term expires July 1, 1907.
GEORGE F. HARWOOD, LYNN,	.	.	" " " 1906.
BENJAMIN W. WELLS, BOSTON,	.	.	" " " 1905.

[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]

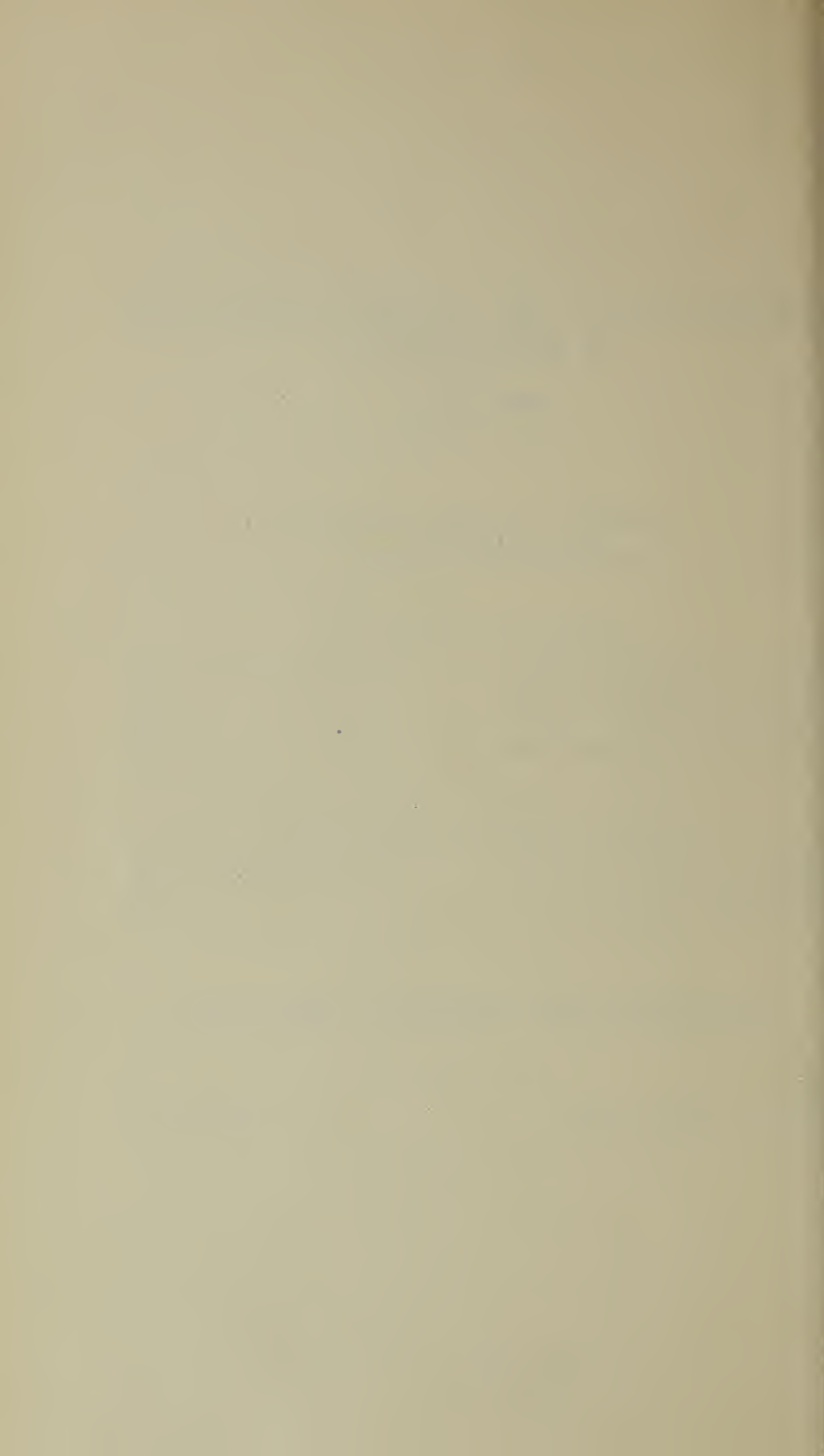
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EDWARD S. HOSMER, LOWELL,	.	.	" " " 1905.

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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON, . . . . . WORCESTER.



STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

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1905-1906.

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GEORGE F. HARWOOD, LYNN, *Chairman.*

D. ARTHUR BURT, TAUNTON, *Secretary.*

[Appointed by the Governor.]

BENJAMIN W. WELLS, BOSTON, . . . Term expires July 1, 1908.

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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON, . . . . . WORCESTER.





# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM L. DOUGLAS, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts presents this its fifteenth annual report. The Board as now constituted closes its second year of thoroughly harmonious, and, as we trust, satisfactory service.

During the past year, as formerly, the Board has had the benefit of the services of the same treasurer, Mr. H. R. Williamson, who has continued to make personal visits to the beneficiaries and to cultivate a close personal acquaintance with them; and his report of the facts in each case to the full Board has enabled the Board to act with discrimination in the expenditure of the amount entrusted to it. This is especially true of minor children of injured firemen, in whom we take the greatest interest, as well as the greatest care to see that the help extended to them is judiciously and wisely expended, and that it is all so used as to accomplish to the fullest extent practicable the object for which it is bestowed by the Commonwealth. To this end we endeavor to safeguard the interest of each particular child so far as we are able.

The Board still retains the services of Mr. D. Arthur Burt as secretary, and we wish to here acknowledge the efficient services rendered the Board by both secretary and treasurer.

Before either of the members of the present Board came into office, our predecessors had established the practice of paying a sum not exceeding \$100 upon each claim where

death resulted, and \$1.50 per day to call men and \$1 per day to permanent men for injuries, but not exceeding one hundred days to any one person. As this seemed a safe and judicious rule, we have adopted it, and under its limitations we find the sum of \$12,000 none too large to meet the meritorious demands upon us.

The largest number of death claims in any year, with one exception, has been presented this current year, the number of such claims being ten, while the largest number heretofore presented was eleven. Last year there were six death claims.

While the Board has endeavored, as heretofore, to observe the strictest economy as well as the greatest care in the use of the money at its disposal, the entire \$12,000 has been distributed.

Appended to this report is a detailed and tabulated statement, indicating how the fund has been expended, the residences of the beneficiaries, and the amount paid to the beneficiaries of each city and town. We also append a summary of expenditures and balance left over from year to year, if any, during the fifteen years since the establishment of the fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the Board,

GEORGE F. HARWOOD,

*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen : —

### LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1905.

Claims considered, . . . . .	251
Claims allowed, . . . . .	246
Claims rejected, . . . . .	5
Death claims, . . . . .	10

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Arlington, . . . . .	2	—	\$70 50
Attleborough, . . . . .	2	—	18 00
Avon, . . . . .	2	—	145 50
Beverly, . . . . .	3	—	201 00
Boston, . . . . .	87	(1) \$100 00	2,653 50
Braintree, . . . . .	2	—	42 00
Brockton, . . . . .	4	—	88 50
Brookline, . . . . .	3	—	94 00
Cambridge, . . . . .	5	—	213 50
Canton, . . . . .	1	—	37 50
Chelsea, . . . . .	2	(1) 100 00	49 50
Clinton, . . . . .	1	(1) 100 00	150 00
Danvers, . . . . .		—	13 50
Dedham, . . . . .	1	—	21 00
Everett, . . . . .	3	—	84 50
Fall River, . . . . .	4	—	186 00
Fitchburg, . . . . .	2	(1) 100 00	52 50
Framingham, . . . . .	1	—	18 00
Gloucester, . . . . .	6	—	205 50

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Haverhill, . . . . .	2	—	\$30 00
Hingham, . . . . .	1	(1) \$100 00	21 00
Holyoke, . . . . .	4	—	78 00
Hudson, . . . . .	1	(2) 200 00	150 00
Lawrence, . . . . .	3	—	148 50
Leominster, . . . . .	3	—	100 50
Lowell, . . . . .	12	—	499 00
Lynn, . . . . .	9	—	295 50
Malden, . . . . .	1	—	9 00
Medford, . . . . .	2	—	31 50
Medway, . . . . .	1	—	21 00
Milford, . . . . .	1	—	15 00
Natick, . . . . .	6	—	109 50
New Bedford, . . . . .	1	—	12 00
Newburyport, . . . . .	2	—	70 50
Newton, . . . . .	1	(1) 100 00	22 50
Northampton, . . . . .	2	—	174 00
Norwood, . . . . .	1	—	43 50
Orange, . . . . .	2	—	10 50
Peabody, . . . . .	3	—	87 00
Pepperell, . . . . .	1	—	— <sup>1</sup>
Randolph, . . . . .	1	—	42 00
Salem, . . . . .	6	(1) 100 00	106 50
Saugus, . . . . .	1	—	55 50
Sharon, . . . . .	1	—	10 50
Somerville, . . . . .	2	—	94 50
Springfield, . . . . .	9	(1) 100 00	203 00 <sup>1</sup>
Stoughton, . . . . .	1	—	— <sup>1</sup>
Taunton, . . . . .	4	—	109 50
Wakefield, . . . . .	2	—	52 50
Waltham, . . . . .	4	—	84 00
Ware, . . . . .	1	—	96 00
Watertown, . . . . .	1	—	— <sup>1</sup>

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
West Springfield, . . . . .	1	—	\$27 00
Westfield, . . . . .	1	—	4 50
Whitman, . . . . .	1	—	9 00
Williamstown, . . . . .	1	—	6 00
Wilmington, . . . . .	1	—	10 50
Winchendon, . . . . .	1	—	54 00
Winchester, . . . . .	2	—	35 00
Woburn, . . . . .	4	—	193 50
Worcester, . . . . .	15	—	305 50
	251	\$1,000 00	\$7,772 00

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to benefit from the Firemen's Relief Fund, Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending June 30, 1905, together with the aggregate amounts allowed : —

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.
Boston, . . . . .	13	\$1,382 00	Lowell, . . . . .	1	\$104 00
Chelsea, . . . . .	2	96 00	Lynn, . . . . .	4	416 00
Clinton, . . . . .	1	104 00	Plymouth, . . . . .	1	104 00
Foxborough, . . . . .	1	104 00	Somerville, . . . . .	3	266 00
Hanover, . . . . .	2	208 00	Springfield, . . . . .	2	196 00
Haverhill, . . . . .	1	104 00	Worcester, . . . . .	6	586 00
Hudson, . . . . .	6	578 00	Total, . . . . .	43	\$4,248 00

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1905.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.										Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 35
1892,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,724 10	275 90
1893,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,617 06	382 94
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1901,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,000 00	- <sup>3</sup>
1902,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,999 96	04 <sup>4</sup>
1903,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11,540 19	459 81
1904,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11,998 74	1 26 <sup>5</sup>
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### 1904.

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	\$11,998 20
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .	1 80
	\$12,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

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*Approved April 17, 1903.*

COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND  
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1904-1905.

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D. ARTHUR BURT, *Secretary.*

[Appointed by the Governor.]

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[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]

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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON, . . . . . WORCESTER.



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency CURTIS GUILD, Jr., *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund presents herewith its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906.

During the year the Board has endeavored to pursue the strictest economy consistent with the purpose for which it was organized, which was to aid firemen who were injured while in the discharge of their duty.

Owing to claims amounting to \$1,473 carried over last year to July 1, 1905, the large number of fires throughout the State, the consequent fatalities and serious injuries to firemen, and the number of minor children under fifteen years of age who receive an allowance of \$2 per week, expenditures have largely increased; and the entire amount of funds at the disposal of the commissioners, namely, \$12,000, has been expended, and further claims amounting to \$4,360.50 are still pending before the commissioners.

### MINOR CHILDREN.

As heretofore, our treasurer, Mr. Hiram R. Williamson, has devoted a large portion of his time and attention to visiting these beneficiaries, in order to acquire a personal knowledge of their environment and necessities; and largely by reason of his intelligent labor the Board believes it has been enabled to make a just and equitable expenditure of this fund. We believe that the Commonwealth takes the greatest possible interest in the minor children of firemen

killed in the discharge of their duties, which children by its generosity it has sought to protect and guard during their minority: and it has been the special effort of the commissioners to assure themselves that this wise and generous provision of the State is expended to the utmost advantage.

The Board has been fortunate in retaining during the past year the services of Mr. D. Arthur Burt, its efficient and able secretary, and is pleased to acknowledge again his valuable services to the Commission.

The Board also takes this opportunity to express its appreciation of the efforts of Capt. Wm. Brophy and his associates of the State Firemen's Association for assistance rendered this Board.

Appended is a tabulated statement, showing the amounts allowed and paid during the year for accidents and fatalities in the various cities and towns of the Commonwealth, with the causes of the same.

All of which is most respectfully submitted for the Board.

GEORGE F. HARWOOD,

*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen : —

### LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1906.

Claims considered, . . . . .	304
Claims allowed, . . . . .	295
Claims rejected, . . . . .	9
Death claims, . . . . .	8

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Andover, . . . . .	1	—	\$15 00
Amesbury, . . . . .	2	—	34 50
Beverly, . . . . .	3	—	129 00
Boston, . . . . .	136	(1) \$100 00	4,185 50
Brockton, . . . . .	8	—	428 00
Brookline, . . . . .	2	—	23 50
Cambridge, . . . . .	7	—	150 50
Chelsea, . . . . .	6	(2) 200 00	546 50
Clinton, . . . . .	1	—	10 50
Concord, . . . . .	1	—	31 50
Danvers, . . . . .	2	—	52 50
Dedham, . . . . .	1	—	9 00
Everett, . . . . .	3	—	45 00
Fall River, . . . . .	3	—	177 00
Fitchburg, . . . . .	5	—	99 00
Gardner, . . . . .	1	—	7 50
Gloucester, . . . . .	1	—	52 00
Haverhill, . . . . .	2	—	19 50
Holyoke, . . . . .	4	—	43 00

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Hudson, . . . . .	1	-	\$27 00
Ipswich, . . . . .	1	-	10 50
Lawrence, . . . . .	3	-	82 00
Lowell, . . . . .	14	(1) \$100 00	555 00
Lynn, . . . . .	11	-	526 50
Malden, . . . . .	5	-	175 00
Manchester, . . . . .	2	-	39 50
Mansfield, . . . . .	2	-	70 50
Marlborough, . . . . .	1	-	13 50
Medford, . . . . .	5	-	106 00
Millbury, . . . . .	1 <sup>1</sup>	-	-
Milford, . . . . .	1	-	52 50
Natick, . . . . .	2	-	27 00
New Bedford, . . . . .	2	-	36 00
Newburyport, . . . . .	3	-	250 50
North Attleborough, . . . . .	1	-	31 50
Northampton, . . . . .	1	-	49 50
Northborough, . . . . .	1	-	111 00
Norwood, . . . . .	2	-	39 00
Orange, . . . . .	1	-	19 50
Palmer, . . . . .	1	-	7 50
Peabody, . . . . .	1	-	30 00
Quincy, . . . . .	6	(2) 200 00	384 00
Revere, . . . . .	2	-	73 50
Salem, . . . . .	1	-	19 50
Somerville, . . . . .	5	-	310 50
Southbridge, . . . . .	1	-	21 00
Springfield, . . . . .	6	(2) 200 00	349 50
Taunton, . . . . .	4	-	94 50
Wakefield, . . . . .	2	-	90 00
Waltham, . . . . .	3	-	49 50
Warren, . . . . .	1	-	58 00
Watertown, . . . . .	1	-	25 50

<sup>1</sup> Rejected.

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Winthrop, . . . . .	1 <sup>1</sup>	—	—
Woburn, . . . . .	2	—	\$63 00
Worcester, . . . . .	18	—	308 50
	304	\$800 00	\$10,165 50

<sup>1</sup> Rejected.

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to benefit from the Firemen's Relief Fund, Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the nine months ending April 1, 1906, together with the aggregate amounts allowed : —

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.
Boston, . . . . .	12	\$898 00	Lowell, . . . . .	1	\$78 00
Chelsea, . . . . .	2	216 00	Lynn, . . . . .	4	274 00
Clinton, . . . . .	1	34 00	Plymouth, . . . . .	1	78 00
Foxborough, . . . . .	1	78 00	Somerville, . . . . .	2	156 00
Hanover, . . . . .	2	156 00	Springfield, . . . . .	4	156 00
Haverhill, . . . . .	1	78 00	Worcester, . . . . .	5	390 00
Hudson, . . . . .	5	390 00	Total, . . . . .	41	\$3,138 00

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1906.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 35
1892, . . . . .	9,724 10	275 90
1893, . . . . .	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894, . . . . .	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895, . . . . .	9,617 06	382 94
1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38 <sup>1</sup>
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87 <sup>2</sup>
1901, . . . . .	10,000 00	- <sup>3</sup>
1902, . . . . .	9,999 96	04 <sup>4</sup>
1903, . . . . .	11,540 19	459 81
1904, . . . . .	11,998 74	1 26 <sup>5</sup>
1905, . . . . .	11,998 20	1 80 <sup>6</sup>
1906, . . . . .	11,999 13	87 <sup>7</sup>
	<b>\$155,689 15</b>	<b>\$12,321 85</b>

<sup>1</sup> Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to July 1, 1899.<sup>2</sup> Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, Aug. 1, 1900.<sup>3</sup> Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.<sup>4</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.<sup>5</sup> Claims to the amount of \$130 carried over to July 1, 1904.<sup>6</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,473 carried over to July 1, 1905.<sup>7</sup> Claims to the amount of \$4,360.50 carried over to July 1, 1906.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., June 28, 1906.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor to present this, my sixteenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith.

### 1905.

#### RECEIPTS.

July 18. Received from Hon. Arthur B. Chapin, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 103, under the act of Feb. 25, 1902), . . .	\$12,000 00
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#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid 2,480 days' injury benefit to call men, at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .	\$3,720 00
Paid 4,029 days' injury benefit to permanent men, at \$1 per day, . . . . .	4,029 00
Paid 7 funeral benefits, at \$100 each, . . . . .	700 00
Paid 1,569 weeks' benefit for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .	3,138 00
Paid expense account, . . . . .	412 13
	\$11,999 13
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .	87
	\$12,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,  
*Treasurer of the Massachusetts State  
Firemen's Association.*

## LEGISLATION.

[REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.]

## FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 73. Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 74. Officers and members in active service in all incorporated protective departments co-operating with fire departments, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof.

SECTION 75. The unexpended balance of said fund for the preceding year shall be returned to the treasurer and receiver general before the fifteenth day of July in each year, with a detailed report, under oath, of the expenditure of such fund.

SECTION 77. Five hundred dollars may be allowed from said fund for the incidental expenses of said board, but no part thereof shall be expended for any other expenses or for salaries.

SECTION 77. If a fireman in a regularly organized fire department of a city or town, or any officer or member in active service of any incorporated protective department acting in concert with

fire departments, or a person doing fire duty at the request or by the order of the authorities of a town which has no organized fire department, or a person performing the duties of a fireman in such town, is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of his duties, and his death is certified by the city or town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner to the treasurer and receiver general, he shall pay to the executor or administrator of such fireman, out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased fireman for support. A child of full age dependent upon such fireman for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

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[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 71.* The sum of twelve thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth, and it shall be known as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 72.* The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 25, 1902.*

## [ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203.]

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE  
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided for by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 19, 1902.*

## [ACTS OF 1903, CHAPTER 253.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 73.* Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, of whom three, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor in July of the year nineteen hundred and three, to serve, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and one shall be appointed in July of each year thereafter to serve for the full term of three years, and two shall be appointed by said association in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 17, 1903.*

[ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 171.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. There shall be paid annually, on or before the first day of July, to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be used by the association for the relief of firemen who may be injured in the performance of their duty at fires or in going to or returning from fires, and for the relief of widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of their duty, in the manner and to the amount to be determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 2. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 16, 1906.*

# COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## 1905-1906.

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D. ARTHUR BURT, TAUNTON, *Secretary.*

[Appointed by the Governor.]

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FRED W. JENNESS, . . . . .	LOWELL.
GEORGE F. HARWOOD, . . . . .	LYNN.

[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]

EDWARD S. HOSMER, . . . . .	LOWELL.
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## TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON, . . . . . WORCESTER.



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency CURTIS GUILD, Jr., *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund herewith presents its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907.

Appended is a detailed and tabulated statement showing the various amounts expended by the Board for accidents and fatalities in the various cities and towns of the Commonwealth together with the causes of the same; also a record of the total disbursements by the commission each year from 1890 to 1907.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the Board.

GEO. F. HARWOOD,  
*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen : —

### LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1907.

Claims considered, . . . . .	250
Claims allowed, . . . . .	241
Accident claims rejected, . . . . .	8
Death claims, . . . . .	3
Death claims rejected, . . . . .	1

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Attleborough, . . . . .	2	—	\$27 00
Beverly, . . . . .	3	—	92 00
Boston, . . . . .	107	—	2,698 00
Braintree, . . . . .	1	—	69 00
Brockton, . . . . .	2	—	70 00
Brookline, . . . . .	1	—	16 00
Cambridge, . . . . .	9	—	228 50
Chelsea, . . . . .	2	—	35 00
Concord, . . . . .	1	—	61 50
Dedham, . . . . .	1	—	36 00
Everett, . . . . .	4	—	149 50
Fitchburg, . . . . .	1	—	45 00
Gloucester, . . . . .	1	—	100 00
Haverhill, . . . . .	2	—	68 00
Holyoke, . . . . .	4	—	124 00
Ipswich, . . . . .	1	(1) \$100 00	100 00
Lawrence, . . . . .	1	—	9 00
Lowell, . . . . .	12	—	314 00
Lynn, . . . . .	14	—	493 50

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Malden, . . . . .	3	—	\$227 50
Mansfield, . . . . .	1	—	4 50
Medford, . . . . .	3	—	172 50
Methuen, . . . . .	1	—	33 00
Milford, . . . . .	4	—	267 00
New Bedford, . . . . .	1	—	30 00
Newburyport, . . . . .	2	—	57 00
Newton, . . . . .	3	—	63 00
North Adams, . . . . .	1 <sup>1</sup>	—	—
North Attleborough, . . . . .	2	—	60 00
North Easton, . . . . .	1	—	57 00
Peabody, . . . . .	3	—	61 50
Quincy, . . . . .	3	—	132 00
Randolph, . . . . .	1	—	37 50
Revere, . . . . .	2	—	175 50
Rockland, . . . . .	1	—	67 50
Salem, . . . . .	1	—	22 00
Saugus, . . . . .	1	—	105 00
Somerville, . . . . .	6	—	194 00
Springfield, . . . . .	10	—	325 00
Stoneham, . . . . .	1	—	21 00
Taunton, . . . . .	3	—	43 50
Waltham, . . . . .	2	—	64 50
Westborough, . . . . .	1	—	66 00
Whitman, . . . . .	1	—	31 50
Winchester, . . . . .	1	—	90 00
Winthrop, . . . . .	2	—	93 00
Woburn, . . . . .	4	—	111 00
Worcester, . . . . .	16	(1) \$100 00	663 50
	250	\$200 00	\$8,011 50

<sup>1</sup> Rejected.

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending April 1, 1907, together with the aggregate amounts allowed :—

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.
Boston, . .	12	\$1,220 00	Lynn, . .	3	\$250 00
Chelsea, . .	3	312 00	Plymouth, .	1	104 00
Foxborough, .	1	104 00	Quincy, . .	2	208 00
Hanover, . .	2	164 00	Somerville, .	2	208 00
Haverhill, .	1	104 00	Springfield, .	5	548 00
Hudson, . .	5	478 00	Worcester, .	5	520 00
Ipswich, . .	4	312 00			
Lowell, . .	2	214 00		48	\$4,746 00

DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1907.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 35
1892, . . . . .	9,724 10	275 90
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1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38 <sup>1</sup>
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1902, . . . . .	9,999 96	04 <sup>4</sup>
1903, . . . . .	11,540 19	459 81
1904, . . . . .	11,998 74	1 26 <sup>5</sup>
1905, . . . . .	11,998 20	1 80 <sup>6</sup>
1906, . . . . .	11,999 13	87 <sup>7</sup>
1907, . . . . .	14,999 87	13 <sup>8</sup>
	\$170,689 02	\$12,321 98

<sup>1</sup> Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to July 1, 1899.

<sup>2</sup> Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association Aug. 1, 1900.

<sup>3</sup> Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.

<sup>4</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.

<sup>5</sup> Claims to the amount of \$130 carried over to July 1, 1904.

<sup>6</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,473 carried over to July 1, 1905.

<sup>7</sup> Claims to the amount of \$4,360.50 carried over to July 1, 1906.

<sup>8</sup> Claims to the amount of \$2,262.50 carried over to July 1, 1907.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., June 29, 1907.

To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I have the honor of presenting this, my seventeenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith.

RECEIPTS.

1906.	
June 29.	Received from Hon. Arthur B. Chapin, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 108, under the act of Feb. 25, 1902), . . . \$15,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 2,570 days' injury benefit to call men, at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .	\$3,855 00	
Paid 5,724 days' injury benefit to permanent men at \$1 per day, . . . . .	5,724 00	
Paid three funeral benefits, at \$100 each, . . . . .	300 00	
Paid 2,373 weeks' benefits for minor children, . . . . .	4,746 00	
Paid expense account, . . . . .	374 87	
		\$14,999 87
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .		13
		<u>\$15,000 00</u>

H. R. WILLIAMSON,  
*Treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemens' Association.*

## LEGISLATION.

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[REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.]

### FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

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[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE  
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*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

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SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 25, 1902.*

## [ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203.]

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FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON, . . . . . WORCESTER.



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency CURTIS GUILD, Jr., *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund herewith presents its eighteenth annual report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, to which is attached a tabulated statement of the several amounts expended by the Board for accidents and fatalities in the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, also the causes of same, and a record of the total amounts disbursed by the commissioners each year from 1890 to 1908.

Respectfully submitted for the Board.

GEORGE F. HARWOOD,  
*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen : —

## LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1908.

Claims considered, . . . . .	250
Claims allowed, . . . . .	241
Accident claims rejected, . . . . .	8
Death claims, . . . . .	6
Death claims rejected, . . . . .	1

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Amesbury, . . . . .	2	—	\$115 50
Ashland, . . . . .	1	—	15 00
Athol, . . . . .	1	—	24 00
Attleborough, . . . . .	2	—	37 00
Boston, . . . . .	102	(2) \$200 00	3,545 00
Brockton, . . . . .	1	—	14 00
Brookline, . . . . .	2	—	26 00
Cambridge, . . . . .	3	—	60 50
Chelsea, . . . . .	12	(1) 100 00	510 50
Clinton, . . . . .	3	—	57 00
Danvers, . . . . .	4	—	211 50
Easthampton, . . . . .	2	—	67 50
Everett, . . . . .	2	—	28 00
Fall River, . . . . .	1	—	14 00
Fairhaven, . . . . .	1	—	31 50
Framingham, . . . . .	2	—	54 00
Gloucester, . . . . .	1	—	70 50
Haverhill, . . . . .	2	—	103 50
Holyoke, . . . . .	1	—	31 00
Hubbardston, . . . . .	1	—	49 50
Hudson, . . . . .	1	—	135 00
Hyde Park, . . . . .	2	(1) 100 00	148 00
Lawrence, . . . . .	2	—	174 00



CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Leominster, . . . . .	3	—	\$103 50
Lowell, . . . . .	14	—	542 00
Ludlow, . . . . .	1	—	30 00
Lynn, . . . . .	4	—	146 50
Marblehead, . . . . .	1	—	57 00
Merrimac, . . . . .	3	—	72 00
Milford, . . . . .	1	—	63 00
Natick, . . . . .	3	—	114 00
New Bedford, . . . . .	2	—	31 50
Newburyport, . . . . .	4	—	96 00
Newton, . . . . .	3	—	157 50
North Adams, . . . . .	2	—	148 50
North Attleborough, . . . . .	2	—	250 00
Peabody, . . . . .	2	—	100 50
Pepperell, . . . . .	3 <sup>1</sup>	—	—
Quincy, . . . . .	3	(1) \$100 00	262 00
Revere, . . . . .	1	—	40 00
Salem, . . . . .	3	—	65 50
Sharon, . . . . .	1	—	18 00
Somerville, . . . . .	6	—	165 50
Southbridge, . . . . .	1	—	25 50
Springfield, . . . . .	5	—	238 00
Stoneham, . . . . .	1	—	52 50
Stoughton, . . . . .	1	—	16 50
Taunton, . . . . .	5	(1) 100 00	288 50
Waltham, . . . . .	2	—	31 50
Westborough, . . . . .	1	—	31 50
Westfield, . . . . .	1	—	21 00
Whitman, . . . . .	1	—	31 50
Winchester, . . . . .	3	—	67 00
Woburn, . . . . .	2	—	73 50
Worcester, . . . . .	13	—	449 00
Yarmouth Port, . . . . .	1 <sup>1</sup>	—	—
	250	(6) \$600 00	\$9,315 50

<sup>1</sup> Rejected.

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending April 1, 1908, together with the aggregate amounts allowed :—

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.
Boston, . .	10	\$1,136 00	Lynn, . .	2	\$208 00
Chelsea, . .	3	312 00	Plymouth, . .	1	104 00
Foxborough, . .	1	78 00	Quincy, . .	2	208 00
Hanover, . .	1	104 00	Somerville, . .	2	156 00
Haverhill, . .	1	104 00	Springfield, . .	4	388 00
Hyde Park, . .	1	56 00	Worcester, . .	4	496 00
Hudson, . .	3	330 00			
Ipswich, . .	4	416 00		44	\$4,304 00
Lowell, . .	2	208 00			

DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1908.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 25
1892, . . . . .	9,724 10	275 90
1893, . . . . .	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894, . . . . .	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895, . . . . .	9,617 06	382 94
1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38 <sup>1</sup>
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87 <sup>2</sup>
1901, . . . . .	10,000 00	— <sup>3</sup>
1902, . . . . .	9,999 96	04 <sup>4</sup>
1903, . . . . .	11,540 19	459 81
1904, . . . . .	11,998 74	1 26 <sup>5</sup>
1905, . . . . .	11,998 20	1 80 <sup>6</sup>
1906, . . . . .	11,999 13	87 <sup>7</sup>
1907, . . . . .	14,999 87	13 <sup>8</sup>
1908, . . . . .	14,999 00	1 00 <sup>9</sup>
	\$185,688 02	\$12,322 98

<sup>1</sup> Claims to the amount of \$786 carried to July 1, 1899.

<sup>2</sup> Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association Aug. 1, 1900.

<sup>3</sup> Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.

<sup>4</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.

<sup>5</sup> Claims to the amount of \$130 carried over to July 1, 1904.

<sup>6</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,473 carried over to July 1, 1905.

<sup>7</sup> Claims to the amount of \$4,360.50 carried over to July 1, 1906.

<sup>8</sup> Claims to the amount of \$2,262.50 carried over to July 1, 1907.

<sup>9</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,019 carried over to July 1, 1908.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., June 22, 1908.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor of presenting this, my eighteenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith : —

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Paid 2,152 weeks' benefit for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .	4,304 00
Paid expense account, . . . . .	382 00
	\$14,999 00
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .	1 00
	\$15,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,

*Treasurer, Massachusetts Firemen's Association.*

## LEGISLATION.

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# COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## 1907-1908.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1909.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor of presenting this my nineteenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith: —

### RECEIPTS.

**1908.**  
 June 25. Received from Hon. Arthur B. Chapin, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 108, under the act of Feb. 25, 1902), . . . . . \$15,000 00

### EXPENDITURES.

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Paid 3 funeral benefits, at \$100 each, . . . . .	300 00
Paid 2,269 weeks' benefit for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .	4,538 00
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	<u>\$15,000 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,

*Treasurer, Massachusetts Firemen's Association.*

## LEGISLATION.

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### REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.

### FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 73. Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 74. Officers and members in active service in all incorporated protective departments co-operating with fire departments, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof.

SECTION 75. The unexpended balance of said fund for the preceding year shall be returned to the treasurer and receiver general before the fifteenth day of July in each year, with a detailed report, under oath, of the expenditure of such fund.

SECTION 76. Five hundred dollars may be allowed from said fund for the incidental expenses of said board, but no part thereof shall be expended for any other expenses or for salaries.

SECTION 77. If a fireman in a regularly organized fire department of a city or town, or any officer or member in active service

of any incorporated protective department acting in concert with fire departments, or a person doing fire duty at the request or by the order of the authorities of a town which has no organized fire department, or a person performing the duties of a fireman in such town, is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of his duties, and his death is certified by the city or town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner to the treasurer and receiver general, he shall pay to the executor or administrator of such fireman, out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased fireman for support. A child of full age dependent upon such fireman for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

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ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 71.* The sum of twelve thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth, and it shall be known as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 72.* The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 25, 1902.*

## ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203.

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE  
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided for by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 19, 1902.*

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## ACTS OF 1903, CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following : — *Section 73.* Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, of whom three, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor in July of the year nineteen hundred and three, to serve, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year ; and one shall be appointed in July of each year thereafter to serve for the full term of three years, and two shall be appointed by said association in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 17, 1903.*



## ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 171.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. There shall be paid annually, on or before the first day of July, to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be used by the association for the relief of firemen who may be injured in the performance of their duty at fires or in going to or returning from fires, and for the relief of widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of their duty, in the manner and to the amount to be determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 2. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 16, 1906.*

# COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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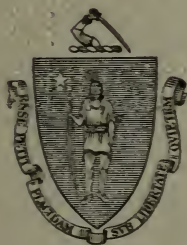
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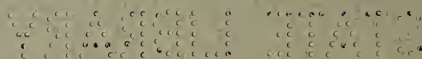


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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency EBEN S. DRAPER, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund respectfully submits its twentieth annual report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, to which is appended a tabulated statement of the amounts expended by the Board for accidents and fatalities in the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth, together with the causes of same, and a record of the total amounts disbursed by the Commissioners each year, from 1890 to 1910.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1909.

To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I have the honor of presenting this my nineteenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith : —

RECEIPTS.

1908.	
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	\$15,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

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Paid 2,882 days' injury benefit to call men, at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .	\$4,323 00
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Paid 3 funeral benefits, at \$100 each, . . . . .	300 00
Paid 2,269 weeks' benefit for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .	4,538 00
Paid expense account, . . . . .	432 00
	\$15,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,  
Treasurer, Massachusetts Firemen's Association.

## LEGISLATION.

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### REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.

#### FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

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SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

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AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE  
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# COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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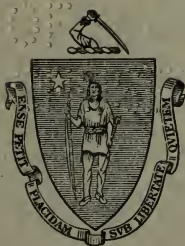
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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency EBEN S. DRAPER, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund respectfully submits its twentieth annual report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, to which is appended a tabulated statement of the amounts expended by the Board for accidents and fatalities in the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth, together with the causes of same, and a record of the total amounts disbursed by the Commissioners each year, from 1890 to 1910.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

GEO. F. HARWOOD,

*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amounts allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen:—

### LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1910.

Claims considered,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	237
Claims allowed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	234
Accident claims rejected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Death claims,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Death claims rejected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

CITY OR TOWN.	Call Men.	Perma- nent Men.	Investi- gated.	Rejected.	Death Claims.	Amount.
Amesbury, . .	1	—	—	—	—	\$6 00
Athol, . .	1	—	—	—	—	15 00
Attleborough, . .	1	—	—	—	—	13 50
Boston, . .	—	84	8	—	(2) \$200 00	3,376 00
Brockton, . .	4	4	1	—	—	334 50
Brookline, . .	—	2	—	—	—	64 00
Belmont, . .	1	—	1	—	—	25 50
Braintree, . .	2	—	—	—	—	285 00
Beverly, . .	1	1	—	—	—	60 00
Cambridge, . .	7	4	—	—	—	520 00
Clinton, . .	2	1	—	—	—	113 50
Canton, . .	1	—	—	—	—	12 00
Danvers, . .	1	—	—	—	—	10 50
Everett, . .	1	1	—	—	—	130 00
Easthampton, . .	1	—	1	—	—	9 00
East Bridgewater, . .	1	—	—	—	—	130 50
Fall River, . .	1	3	—	—	—	203 50
Framingham, . .	2	—	1	—	—	96 00
Fitchburg, . .	2	—	—	—	—	87 00
Gloucester, . .	2	—	—	—	—	93 00
Haverhill, . .	1	1	—	—	—	166 00
Holyoke, . .	3	—	—	—	—	220 00
Hull, . .	1	—	—	—	—	42 00
Ipswich, . .	1	—	—	—	—	19 50
Lynn, . .	5	4	—	—	—	363 00
Lawrence, . .	3	2	2	—	—	229 50
Leominster, . .	5	—	1	—	—	174 00
Ludlow, . .	1	—	—	—	—	25 50
Lowell, . .	3	4	—	—	(1) 100 00	227 50
Melrose, . .	1	—	—	—	—	21 00



CITY OR TOWN.	Call Men.	Perma- nent Men.	Investi- gated.	Rejected.	Death Claims.	Amount.
Malden, . . .	1	1	—	—	—	\$154 00
Methuen, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	21 00
Newburyport, . . .	6	—	—	1	(1) \$100 00	138 00
New Bedford, . . .	4	3	—	1	—	360 00
Newton, . . .	1	2	—	—	—	63 00
Norwood, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	256 50
Peabody, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	85 50
Quincy, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	28 50
Springfield, . . .	2	—	1	1	—	73 50
Stoneham, . . .	4	—	1	—	—	84 00
Salem, . . .	6	1	—	—	—	456 50
Southbridge, . . .	3	—	1	—	—	99 00
Swampscott, . . .	1	—	1	—	—	24 00
Saugus, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	45 00
Somerville, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	232 50
Taunton . . .	2	—	—	—	—	25 50
Turners Falls, . . .	1	—	1	—	—	54 00
Worcester. . .	2	16	—	—	(1) 100 00	424 50
Winchester, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	6 00
Westford, . . .	4	—	—	—	(1) 100 00	146 50
Woburn, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	52 50
Wareham, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	45 00
Watertown, . . .	1	—	1	—	—	64 50
Waltham, . . .	3	—	1	—	—	214 50
Westfield, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	15 00
Wakefield, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	40 50
	113	134	22	3	(6) \$600 00	\$10,282 50

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to the benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending July 1, 1910, together with the aggregate amounts allowed: —

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Bene- ficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Bene- ficiaries.	Amount.
Boston, . . .	12	\$1,406 00	Plymouth, . . .	1	\$64 00
Chelsea, . . .	3	236 00	Quincy, . . .	2	208 00
Hudson, . . .	2	208 00	Somerville, . . .	1	104 00
Ipswich, . . .	4	416 00	Springfield, . . .	3	312 00
Lowell, . . .	1	104 00	Worcester, . . .	8	612 00
Lynn, . . .	1	60 00			
New Bedford, . . .	2	40 00		40	\$3,770 00

Children whose time expires for the year ending July 1, 1910, . . . . . 6  
 Children added for the year ending July 1, 1910, . . . . . 11  
 Total number of children entitled to benefits July 1, 1910, . . . . . 34

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1910.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 25
1892, . . . . .	9,724 10	275 90
1893, . . . . .	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894, . . . . .	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895, . . . . .	9,617 06	382 94
1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38 <sup>1</sup>
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87 <sup>2</sup>
1901, . . . . .	10,000 00	— <sup>3</sup>
1902, . . . . .	9,999 96	04 <sup>4</sup>
1903, . . . . .	11,540 19	459 81
1904, . . . . .	11,998 74	1 26 <sup>5</sup>
1905, . . . . .	11,998 20	1 80 <sup>6</sup>
1906, . . . . .	11,999 13	87 <sup>7</sup>
1907, . . . . .	14,999 87	13 <sup>8</sup>
1908, . . . . .	14,999 00	1 00 <sup>9</sup>
1909, . . . . .	15,000 00	—
1910, . . . . .	14,559 91	440 09
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Respectfully submitted,

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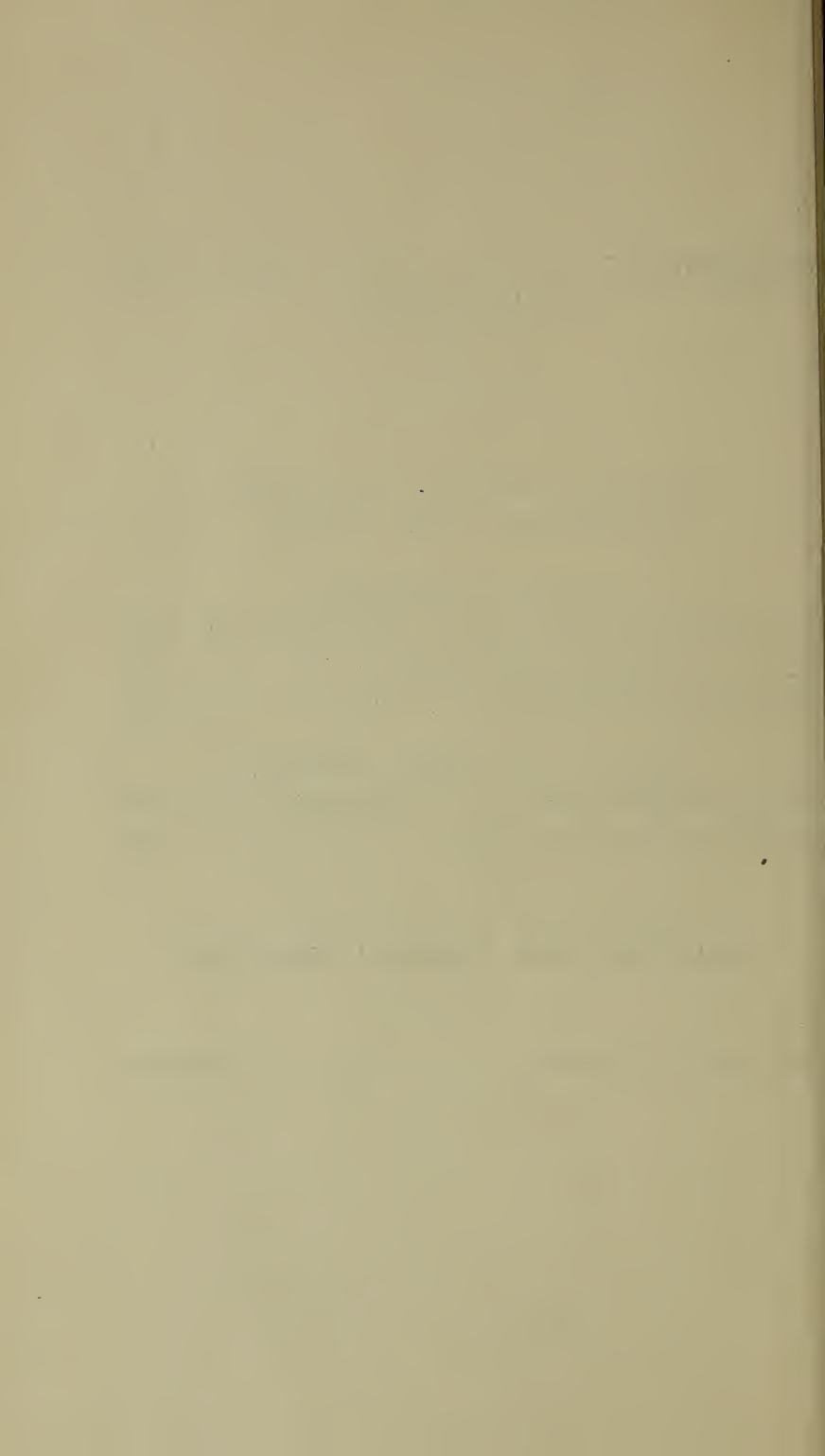
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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY EUGENE N. FOSS, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund respectfully submits its twenty-first annual report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, to which is appended a tabulated statement of the amounts expended by the Board for accidents and fatalities in the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth, together with the causes of the same, and a record of the total amounts disbursed by the Commissioners each year from 1890 to 1911.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

GEORGE F. HARWOOD,  
*Chairman.*

## STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amounts allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen:—

### LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1911.

Claims considered,	.	.	.	.	.	.	327
Claims allowed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	318
Accident claims rejected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Death claims,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Death claims rejected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

CITY OR TOWN.	Call Men.	Per- manent Men.	Investi- gated.	Re- jected.	Death Claims.	Amount.
Attleborough, . .	1	1	—	—	—	\$64 50
Amesbury, . . .	1	—	1	—	—	15 00
Boston, . . . .	—	135	5	3	—	3,894 00
Brookline, . . .	—	1	—	—	—	122 00
Braintree, . . .	6	—	1	—	—	309 00
Brockton, . . .	2	1	1	—	—	264 00
Beverly, . . . .	1	—	—	—	—	22 50
Cambridge, . . .	6	7	—	1	—	412 00
Chicopee, . . . .	1	2	—	—	—	29 50
Clinton, . . . .	2	—	—	—	—	46 50
Dedham, . . . .	2	—	—	—	—	169 50
Everett, . . . .	3	1	—	—	(1) \$100 00	152 50
East Walpole, . .	1	—	1	—	—	64 50
Fitchburg, . . .	—	2	—	—	(1) 100 00	148 00
Gloucester, . . .	5	—	1	2	—	135 00
Gardner, . . . .	3	—	—	—	—	84 00
Haverhill, . . .	3	2	—	—	—	158 00
Holyoke, . . . .	—	3	—	—	—	111 00
Hudson, . . . .	2	—	—	—	—	46 50
Hingham, . . . .	2	—	—	—	—	47 50
Holden, . . . .	1	—	—	—	—	34 50
Lawrence, . . . .	3	4	—	—	—	166 00
Lowell, . . . .	2	4	—	—	—	207 50
Lynn, . . . . .	2	8	—	—	—	281 50
Leominster, . . .	3	—	2	—	—	48 00
Ludlow, . . . .	1	—	—	—	—	21 00
Lexington, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	112 50
Milford, . . . .	2	—	1	—	—	57 00
Marblehead, . . .	1	1	—	—	—	110 50
Marlborough, . .	4	—	—	2	—	31 50



CITY OR TOWN.	Call Men.	Per- manent Men.	Investi- gated.	Re- jected.	Death Claims.	Amount.
Malden, . . .	4	—	—	—	(1) \$100 00	\$322 00
Medford, . . .	—	1	—	—	—	69 00
Millers Falls, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	9 00
Newton, . . .	1	1	—	—	—	158 00
Nantucket, . . .	1	—	1	—	—	31 50
Newburyport, . . .	4	—	2	1	—	94 50
New Bedford, . . .	3	5	1	—	—	185 50
North Adams, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	46 00
Needham, . . .	1	—	1	—	—	108 00
Natick, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	45 00
Northampton, . . .	1	—	—	—	(1) 100 00	100 00
Orange, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	25 50
Plainville, . . .	1	—	1	—	(1) 100 00	107 50
Rockland, . . .	1	—	1	—	—	21 00
Reading, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	21 00
Revere, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	52 50
Salem, . . .	5	—	—	—	—	222 00
Saugus, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	118 50
Stoneham, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	102 00
Springfield, . . .	3	—	1	—	—	19 00
Spencer, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	73 50
Southbridge, . . .	3	—	—	—	—	63 00
South Braintree, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	42 00
Swampscott, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	7 50
Somerville, . . .	2	3	—	—	—	137 00
Shelburne Falls, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	192 00
Taunton, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	25 50
West Springfield, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	9 00
Worcester, . . .	11	11	—	—	—	576 00
Webster, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	15 00
Williamstown, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	9 00
Winchendon, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	114 00
Woburn, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	52 50
Waltham, . . .	2	—	—	—	—	24 00
Weymouth, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	63 00
Watertown, . . .	4	—	—	—	—	160 50
Weston, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	31 50
Winchester, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	19 50
	134	193	21	9	(5) \$500 00	\$10,837 50

For further particulars you are referred to the report of the Treasurer.

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to the benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending July 1, 1911, together with the aggregate amounts allowed:—

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.
Boston, . .	11	\$1,078 00	Quincy, . .	2	\$208 00
Chelsea, . .	2	208 00	Somerville, .	1	104 00
Hudson, . .	2	208 00	Plainville, .	2	84 00
Haverhill, .	1	26 00	Springfield, .	2	208 00
Ipswich, . .	4	420 00	Worcester, .	7	728 00
Lowell, . .	1	104 00			
Malden, . .	1	82 00		38	\$3,670 00
New Bedford, .	2	212 00			

Children whose time expires for the year ending July 15, 1911, . . . .	5
Children added for the year ending July 1, 1911, . . . . .	4
Total number of children entitled to benefits July 1, 1911, . . . .	33

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1911.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 25
1892, . . . . .	9,724 10	275 90
1893, . . . . .	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894, . . . . .	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895, . . . . .	9,617 06	382 94
1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38 <sup>1</sup>
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87 <sup>2</sup>
1901, . . . . .	10,000 00	- <sup>3</sup>
1902, . . . . .	9,999 96	04 <sup>4</sup>
1903, . . . . .	11,540 19	459 81
1904, . . . . .	11,998 74	1 26 <sup>5</sup>
1905, . . . . .	11,998 20	1 80 <sup>6</sup>
1906, . . . . .	11,999 13	87 <sup>7</sup>
1907, . . . . .	14,999 87	13 <sup>8</sup>
1908, . . . . .	14,999 00	1 00 <sup>9</sup>
1909, . . . . .	15,000 00	-
1910, . . . . .	14,559 91	440 09
1911, . . . . .	14,995 88	4 12
	\$230,243 81	\$12,767 19

<sup>1</sup> Claims to the amount of \$786 carried to July 1, 1899.<sup>2</sup> Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association Aug. 1, 1900.<sup>3</sup> Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.<sup>4</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.<sup>5</sup> Claims to the amount of \$130 carried over to July 1, 1904.<sup>6</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,473 carried over to July 1, 1905.<sup>7</sup> Claims to the amount of \$4,360.50 carried over to July 1, 1906.<sup>8</sup> Claims to the amount of \$2,262.50 carried over to July 1, 1907.<sup>9</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,035 carried over to July 1, 1908.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1911.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor of presenting this, my twenty-first annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith.

### RECEIPTS.

July 2, 1910, received from Hon. Elmer A. Stevens, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, under Acts of 1906 (chapter 171), . . . . .	\$15,000 00
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### EXPENDITURES.

Paid 3,027 days' injury benefits to call men, at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .	\$4,540 50
Paid 5,797 days' injury benefits to permanent men, at \$1 per day, . . . . .	5,797 00
Paid 5 funeral benefits, at \$100 each, . . . . .	500 00
Paid 1,835 weeks' benefits for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .	3,670 00
Expense account, . . . . .	488 38
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	\$14,995 88
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .	4 12
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	\$15,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,

*Treasurer, Massachusetts State Firemen's Association.*

## LEGISLATION.

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### REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.

#### FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 73. Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 74. Officers and members in active service in all incorporated protective departments co-operating with fire departments, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof.

SECTION 75. The unexpended balance of said fund for the preceding year shall be returned to the treasurer and receiver general before the fifteenth day of July in each year, with a detailed report, under oath, of the expenditure of such fund.

SECTION 76. Five hundred dollars may be allowed from said fund for the incidental expenses of said board, but no part thereof shall be expended for any other expenses or for salaries.

SECTION 77. If a fireman in a regularly organized fire department of a city or town, or any officer or member in active service of any incorporated protective department acting in concert with fire departments, or a person doing fire duty at the request or by the order of the authorities of a town which has no organized fire

department, or a person performing the duties of a fireman in such town, is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of his duties, and his death is certified by the city or town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner to the treasurer and receiver general, he shall pay to the executor or administrator of such fireman, out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased fireman for support. A child of full age dependent upon such fireman for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

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ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—twelve,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 71.* The sum of twelve thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—twelve,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 72.* The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 25, 1902.*

## ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203.

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE  
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided for by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 19, 1902.*

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## ACTS OF 1903, CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—*Section 73.* Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, of whom three, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor in July of the year nineteen hundred and three, to serve, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and one shall be appointed in July of each year thereafter to serve for the full term of three years, and two shall be appointed by said association in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 17, 1903.*

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## ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 171.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. There shall be paid annually, on or before the first day of July, to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be used by the



association for the relief of firemen who may be injured in the performance of their duty at fires or in going to or returning from fires, and for the relief of widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of their duty, in the manner and to the amount to be determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 2. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 16, 1906.*

# COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## 1910-1911.

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